

Residents can have
their say on plans

Page 5



Lessons from a
Masterchef judge

Page 7



**What's on in
HAMPSHIRE**

See the new section inside



FREE!
Pick me up

Thursday, May 1 - Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Advertising/Newsdesk: 01235 511700

www.basingstokeobserver.co.uk

TRIBUTES PAID TO HEROES IN LYNX TRAGEDY



• Captain Tom Clarke



• Corporal James Walters



• Lance Corporal Oliver Thomas



• Flight Lieutenant Rakesh Chauhan



• Warrant Officer 2 Spencer Faulkner

FAMILIES of four RAF Odiham-based servicemen killed in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan have paid tribute to their much-loved husbands, fathers, brothers and sons.

Captain Tom Clarke, 30, Corporal James Walters, 36, War-

By **Katriona Ormiston**
news@basingstokeobserver.co.uk

rant Officer Class 2 Spencer Faulkner, 38, and Flight Lieutenant Rakesh Chauhan, 29,

died after their Lynx helicopter came down in a routine flight on Saturday.

Lance Corporal Oliver Thomas, 26, who was based in London, also lost his life on board.

Flags flew half-mast over Hampshire at the county coun-

cil's headquarters in Winchester this week to mark the loss.

RAF Odiham's station commander Richard Maddison - who visited all four in Afghanistan the week before they died - said he was "extremely saddened" at the news.

He added: "It was only a week before the accident that I visited their unit in Afghanistan, and flew in a Lynx with Captain Clarke, Warrant Officer Faulkner and Corporal Walters. It was an absolute pleasure to fly with them and to discuss their work;

it was also incredibly reassuring to meet such professional and enthusiastic members of their unit.

"While on the ground at their base I also spent time with

• Continued on page 3

**CARNABY
STREET**
CITY OF WEST

THE CONCERT

Party like the 60s

Featuring over 30 classic hits from bands including:
The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Dusty Springfield
The Who, The Kinks, The Searchers, Tom Jones

THE ANVIL THUR 8 MAY 7.45PM
BOX OFFICE 01256 844244 ANVILARTS.ORG.UK



Basingstoke Observer

Basingstoke Observer (Head Office)
Newspaper House, 4A Hawksworth,
Didcot, Oxfordshire OX11 7HR

Advertising Manager
Julian Richings - 01235 516926

Accounts
Telephone: 01235 516911
accounts@basingstokeobserver.co.uk

Advertising - (Head Office)
Telephone: 01235 511700
enquiries@basingstokeobserver.co.uk

Distribution & Subscriptions
Telephone: 01235 516902
distribution@basingstokeobserver.co.uk

Newsdesk
Acting News Editor
Katriona Ormiston 01235 615931
katriona@taylornewspapers.co.uk
Newsdesk: 01235 516930
news@basingstokeobserver.co.uk

Production
Telephone: 01235 516934
studio@basingstokeobserver.co.uk

Publishers Statement

Available for free pick up from over 160 selected outlets.

Basingstoke Observer is published by Taylor Newspapers Ltd



Read this newspaper online at basingstokeobserver.co.uk



Have your say in the May elections

By **Katriona Ormiston**
news@basingstokeobserver.co.uk

RESIDENTS of Basingstoke are being urged to choose who will represent them for the next four years in elections later this month.

Candidates for this month's Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council elections were announced last week.

A total of 89 candidates are vying for 22 seats to represent residents in wards across the town.

One third of the council - 20 wards - is up for election on May 22, and by-elections will be held for vacancies in Brighton Hill South and Baughurst and Tadley North.

Conservatives, Labour, Liberal Democrats, UKIP, and Independent candidates have all put themselves forward.

The elected councillors will serve until May 2018 - but the councillor elected in the Brighton Hill South by-election will serve until May 2016, and the councillor elected in the Baughurst and Tadley North by-election will serve until May 2015.

On the same day, residents will also be asked to vote for their Members of European Parliament.

In the European Parliament

elections, Hampshire falls under the south-east region.

The south-east region will elect 10 Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) from 119 candidates who have put their names forward.

Candidates across the political spectrum are encouraging residents to go out and vote.

Conservative group leader Terri Reid is up for election in Hatch Warren and Beggarwood.

She said: "It is absolutely vital, we want to urge them as much as possible - the best way for them to be represented is to use their vote."

Chairman of Basingstoke's UKIP branch Alan Stone is standing in the Basing ward.

He added: "It is incredibly important - particularly this time because there is actually a real choice - there are three or four candidates in each of the wards."

Laura James, leader of the Labour Party for Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, is

up for election in Norden ward. She said: "It is important people go out to vote to then elect the people who make decisions."

Lib Dem candidate John Barnes, up for election in Brighton Hill South, said: "We would not be a democratic country if people didn't vote."

"You only have to look at the news to see that in other countries people are being stopped from voting so people need to use their vote and go to the polls."

Another 52 councillors will be elected to seats in parish council positions - in Ashmansworth, Burghclere East Woodhay,

Ecchinswell Sydmonton and Bishops Green, Highclere, Newtown, Penwood, and St Mary Bourne.

The count for Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council elections will take place after 10pm on the day, while the count for the European Parliamentary seats will take place on Sunday, May 25.

A date for when the parish council election count will be done has not yet been set.

To see a list of all the candidates, polling stations, or to register to vote go to basingstoke.gov.uk.



Residents are being urged to vote in the May elections

Plans set to be submitted for fire station building



A PLANNING application for Basingstoke's new £6m fire station is due to be submitted in the next few weeks.

The designs for the two-storey Basingstoke Fire Station - to replace the current 1960s three-storey building - were unveiled for the first time last week.

About 20 residents attended the consultation at the West Ham Close station.

The final plans now are being "tweaked" before they are submitted as part of the planning application to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council - Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service spokesman James Morton said.

The plans, which have been delayed, are aimed to upgrade

the building and create new community rooms for residents to visit the station and learn about fire safety.

A lift will also be installed for disabled access.

Basingstoke and Deane group manager Brian Rudman said the new building will also make Hampshire safer - because of the new simpler layout.

The new station will take about 16 months to build.

If planning permission is granted, building work is due to start in July and finish by the end of 2016.

Basingstoke Fire Station will continue to operate from temporary bases - one on the same West Ham Site and another from a smaller base nearby.

News Bites

Revamp deadline made for July

THE owners of shops, restaurants and businesses have until July 31 to apply for up to £5,000 to revamp their buildings.

The drive by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council is aimed at giving the Top of the Town a facelift.

New windows, repainting, and new signs are among the examples of improvements that can be made with the money.

To find out if you are eligible for the grant or for more information email towncentre@basingstoke.gov.uk

Skydive hopes to raise hundreds

A SKYDIVE next week is hoped to raise hundreds of pounds for a new cancer centre.

The 10,000 freefall at 120mph is on Saturday, May 10, in Swindon Airfield.

Residents who raise more than £400 for The Ark Cancer Centre Charity do the jump for free.

The charity is raising £5m towards a new cancer centre for Basingstoke and Hampshire residents.

It is to be built on land between the M3, A303 and A34.

CCTV appeal following fight

A FIGHT over cigarettes in Basingstoke left a man needing stitches in his head.

The 45-year-old man was left with head injuries after the attack near the BP garage in Churchill Way on April 16 between 2am and 3am.

A CCTV image of a man was released on Monday.

One of the men who assaulted the victim is described as a white man who had his leg in a red plaster cast and was walking with two crutches.

Call 101 with information.



BASINGSTOKE MOT & SERVICING CENTRE

Call Now: 01256 321 012
Cheapest MOT & Services.... Guaranteed

Services offered for both PRIVATE & COMMERCIAL vehicles

- | | | |
|-------------|---------------|--------------------|
| • MOT | • Brakes | • Air Conditioning |
| • Servicing | • Clutches | • Valeting Centre |
| • Tyres | • Welding | • Free MOT Retest |
| • Exhausts | • Diagnostics | • Collect & Carry |
| • Repairs | • Gear Boxes | • Suspension |

www.mot-basingstoke.co.uk

MOT £24.95
On Production of Voucher

Crockford Lane, Chineham, Basingstoke RG24 8NA

ALLIBINS SKIP HIRE LTD
YOUR LOCAL SKIP HIRE

SPRING OFFER
£10 OFF
4 YARD SKIPS
Expires 31st March 14

SAME DAY / NEXT DAY

1 TON SKIP BAGS FROM JUST £55
1.5 TON SKIP BAGS FROM JUST £75
2 TON SKIP BAGS FROM JUST £100
YOUR SKIP BAGS FROM £45

ALL SIZES + RUBBISH CLEARANCE

UPTO 80% OF WASTE RECYCLED

LICENCED WASTE CARRIERS

Six Yard Skips from £185

www.allibinsskiphire.co.uk

0800 0850426
KEEP IT LOCAL

CREDIT & DEBIT CARDS ACCEPTED

Lyde Luxury Boarding Kennels & Cattery
Licensed by the Local Authority.

Under New ownership of Mr & Mrs Sayers from 2007.
1st Class Luxury Care For Your Pet

- Individual Care & Accommodation.
- Heated Facilities.
- Family Cat Chalets Available.
- Short & Long Term Stays.
- Day Boarding.
- Daily Exercise & Play Times Throughout The Day.

London Road (A30),
Old Basing (Hatch),
Basingstoke,
Hampshire,
RG24 7JL

Discounts Available.

Phone: 01256-322216
www.lydekennels.co.uk

Families mourn "huge gap left in their heart"

• From front page

Flight Lieutenant Chauhan, who was the same consummate professional that so many of us at RAF Odiham had come to know.

"As with all losses of personnel in Afghanistan, we mourn the loss of our most capable and dedicated personnel, who served without complaint and in full understanding of the risks associated with their roles. They were fine ambassadors for their unit and for defence as a whole, and we shall not forget them."

Captain Clarke, originally from Wales, was described as ambitious and bright with a promising future by the Ministry of Defence.

His family said: "We cannot express enough our devastation at the loss of a truly wonderful husband, son, brother and friend. Tom brought so much happiness and love to everyone he knew with his sparkling blue eyes and cheeky smile."

"He had an absolute passion for life and was the best part of us; we are all poorer today without him. We carry your heart, we carry it in our heart."

Corporal Walters, also known as Bungle, was said to be an example to all who served him.

His family paid tribute: "We cannot begin to comprehend

By **Katriona Ormiston**

news@basingstokeobserver.co.uk

the tragic loss of a beautiful and loving husband, daddy, son and brother. James has left a huge hole in all our hearts."

Liked and highly-respected Warrant Officer 2, Spencer Faulkner, was deployed to Afghanistan on numerous occasions, often at short notice, in support of UK armed forces.

His family said: "Spen was a loving husband to Cally and devoted father to Natasha and Jack, and will be greatly missed. A huge gap has been left in our hearts forever. He has been tragically taken away whilst serving his country, a job he loved. God rest his soul."

Birmingham-born Flight Lieutenant Chauhan, known as Rak, was described by the commander of the deployed Lynx detachment as "a rising star of the Royal Air Force".

He added: "His positive attitude was infectious and he would always be seen with a bright smile on his face. His sense of humour was contagious and you could guarantee he would be at the centre of any laughter in the room."

An investigation has launched



• A Lynx Mk9A helicopter (Image by Mez Merrill; Crown copyright 2014)

to find out what happened to the helicopter, but Defence Secretary Philip Hammond said the crash is thought to have been "a tragic accident on a routine sortie in Kandahar province".

He added: "These tragic deaths remind us of the continued commitment and sacrifice of our soldiers, sailors and airmen serving

in Afghanistan as we support the Afghans to take full responsibility for the security of their own territory. The work they are doing is vital to Britain's national security and their sacrifice will not be forgotten."

"This incident is now the subject of a thorough investigation to find out exactly what hap-

pened. Lynx Mk9A helicopters have a good operational safety record and commanders have judged that it is safe for the fleet to continue to operate while the investigation is carried out."

Their bodies are to be repatriated in RAF Brize Norton in Oxfordshire. A date had not been set last night.

News Bites

New hub opened

A NEW Basingstoke hub for Hampshire County Council has been officially opened.

The offices, in Chineham Court, were opened by and named after Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire Dame Mary Fagan on Thursday.

It means the county council and Southern House NHS Foundation Trust can run the Learning Disability Team from the same building.

Council staff have moved from smaller offices in Basingstoke to the new building.

Festival plans

POPLEY is gearing up for its annual festival.

Activities including a fun fair, music, children's games, charity stalls, and car boot sale are all planned for the festival on Sunday, May 18.

The festival will be held in Popley Fields in Carpenters Down.

Tour of top unit

MAYOR of Basingstoke Dan Putty was shown how intelligence units work with police to try and protect the public.

He visited the Criminal Records Office near Fareham last week with Hampshire's other town mayors.

Staff at the unit, which is run by the Association of Chief Police Officers, work to make sure criminal convictions are managed properly – such as those of convicted sex offenders.

Mr Putty said: "I'm very impressed at the location and the setting of this place and the activities that are going on in this building."

MP gives £250 after charity calendar sales drop

BASINGSTOKE MP Maria Miller gave £250 towards a charity calendar with a picture of her on the front which failed to sell after her expenses hit the news.

Musician Brian James from Popley, Basingstoke, wrote to Mrs Miller after sales of his BBC Children in Need Calendar plummeted.

She hit national headlines last month and quit as Culture Secretary following an expenses row.

Mr James found himself unable to shift the remaining 50 copies of his £5 calendar.

He wrote to Mrs Miller who agreed to donate the £250 which would have been raised by the calendar sales.

A report by parliamentary standards commissioner Kathryn Hudson

stated Mrs Miller over-claimed by £45,000 towards mortgage payments for her London home.

But the Commons Standards Committee cleared her and told her to repay £5,800.

Mr James, a former pupil of Fairfields School in Council Road, wrote: "Basingstoke people will now not donate to it, which is not fair on either of us."

He also said he was a supporter of Mrs Miller.

He added: "I am sorry for all your troubles, you are the best Basingstoke MP we have ever had. I am a Basingstoke born and bred true Romany, and I say to you please weather the storm that will be coming at you for a little while."



LAMB BROOKS 
solicitors



Family Problems?
Fixed fee appointments available

Our family team offer initial fixed fee appointments on all aspects of family disputes

Call us
01256 305596
Victoria House, 39 Winchester Street, Basingstoke
www.lambbrooks.com

the firePlace
BASINGSTOKE

COME AND VISIT OUR SHOWROOM



THE FIREPLACE
3 KINGS FURLONG CENTRE, WESSEX
CLOSE, BASINGSTOKE, HANTS RG21 8YT
WWW.FIREPLACE-BASINGSTOKE.CO.UK
01256 363305

Why take a chance?



RAINBOW
DOUBLE GLAZING LIMITED

1992-2014
Your truly local double glazing company 22 successful years

www.rainbowdoubleglazing.co.uk

windows • doors • porches •
soffits • rooflines • cladding
• conservatories • garage conversions



No deposit
No hassle
Energy 'A' Rated
10 year Guarantee
Payment on completion



NEW - Solid roof system
for existing conservatory

For a free no-obligation quotation please call FREEPHONE:
0800 026 46 42 or 0118 970 1770



CALLING ALL COOKING ENTHUSIASTS

If you love to cook, you'll love our live cooking event. With demonstrations all day, the chance to discover exciting Neff appliances and the opportunity to try out the unique Neff Slide&Hide® oven, we know you'll be inspired to get creative in the kitchen.

Date

Saturday 3rd May 2014

Time

10am-3pm for a rolling demonstration

Location

Two Guys Kitchens Ltd, Basingstoke

Visit www.neff.co.uk for details.




Two Guys Kitchens Ltd

Armstrong Road
Basingstoke
Hampshire
RG24 8NU

Tel 01256 363123

Fax 01256 843853

 /bakeityourself

 @_bakeityourself



Arrest made after valuable rings stolen

A MAN from Basingstoke has been arrested in connection to the theft of thousands of pounds worth of gold diamond and ruby rings.

The jewellery, valued at £2,600, was stolen from home in Townsend Close of a 78-year-old woman.

The woman, who had been gardening, noticed the drawer to her jewellery box had been left open on April 10 or April 11.

It was only on April 13 that she noticed four rings were missing.

One ring was 18ct gold with eight diamonds and eight rubies, another was a 14ct gold ring set with 11 diamonds, the third was 18ct gold with nine diamonds, and the fourth was 18ct gold with three rubies and four diamonds.

The front door of the house may have been open.

The Hampshire Constabulary released details of the crime on Wednesday, April 23.

They are appealing for anyone who saw anything suspicious to contact PC Mark Pullman at Basingstoke Police Station on 101, quoting 44140130986.

The force is warning people to make sure their homes are secure as Summer approaches.

The 34-year-old Basingstoke man has been bailed until May 27.

Find us on Twitter
@BasingstokeNews

Residents can have their say on plans

By **Katriona Ormiston**

news@basingstokeobserver.co.uk

RESIDENTS are being urged to have their say on where 6,940 houses are to be built across Basingstoke.

The revised Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan was published on Friday.

A public consultation on the plan runs until Friday, June 13.

It allocates where thousands of homes are to be built on sites across the town over the next 15 years.

The number of houses to be built on Manydown has jumped from 3,100 to 3,400, and the number for Kennel Farm has been upped from 250 to 310.

The housing allocation East of Basingstoke has been reduced from 900 to 450.

The other sites have stayed the same.

The number of homes at Basingstoke Golf Course is for about 1,000, land north of Popley Fields for 450, Razors Farm for 420, Cufaude Farm for 390, Redlands for 150, Swing Swang Lane for 100, Overton Hill for 120 and land South of Blosswood Lane in Whitechurch is for 150 homes.

The council's planning policy manager, Andrew Hunter, said: "The consultation gives peo-



• More houses are set to be built in Basingstoke

ple the chance to comment on changes made in response to the last consultation.

"Following this, the plan will be submitted to the government for an independent inspection which will consider whether it should be adopted by the council to guide future planning decisions.

"We hope that residents will

take this opportunity to let us know their views but there's no need for them to repeat any previous comments as all responses from both stages of consultation will be forwarded to the planning inspector considering the plan."

More than 1,300 comments were made on the borough's local

plan last year when the draft version went out for consultation.

To see the plan go to basingstoke.gov.uk/go/localplan.

Comments can be submitted online or through a printed form, available from the borough council's offices in London Road, or by calling the council on 01256 844844.

News Bites

Alton in bloom

A NEW volunteer group has been set up to lend a hand and improve Alton's public gardens.

Friends of Alton Public Gardens has been formed to plan flower beds and borders in the 4.5 acres of land in Alton town centre.

Call for ancestors

DESCENDANTS of ex-soldiers named on war memorials across the borough are being asked to get in touch with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

The call comes ahead of the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War this August.

Descendants are asked to email WW1100@basingstoke.gov.uk.

Road sign change

THE leader of Hampshire County Council Roy Perry has welcomed a move to allow street and road signs across the UK to use traditional county names.

Local Government Minister Eric Pickles last week authorised the use of traditional county names like Hampshire on signs.

Mr Perry said counties like Berkshire and Middlesex have lost their traditional names but Hampshire is still probably the oldest named county in England.

He added: "It is important we help people retain a sense of identity and community, and the shires of England are of great antiquity and permanence, and none more so than our county of Hampshire."



RIPTON

Windows & Conservatories

THE FAMILY FIRM WITH THE BIG REPUTATION

CALL: 01256 841 522

Free no obligation quote



COMPOSITE DOORS
from
£789
inc vat



CONSERVATORIES
From
£7,795
inc vat



PVCu WINDOWS
from
£199
inc vat.



Replacement soffits and fascias with FREE leaf guard

Come to Ripton for top quality new & replacement windows and doors, conservatories, garage conversions, extensions.

www.riptonwindows.co.uk



@Ripton_Windows



RiptonWindows



COME AND VISIT BASINGSTOKES BIGGEST AND BEST INDOOR SHOWROOM
3 Crockford Lane, Chineham Business Park, Chineham, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG24 8NA

Grand Opening 5th of May attended by the Mayor NEW store open 7 days a week

Enter
in-store
to **WIN** a
new 42" TV!

FREE
portable speaker
with every purchase
on the Grand
Opening day!

Offer of the day!
Samsung 32" LED HD ready TV
RRP £299.99 Unbeatable deal. Only
available on Grand Opening
£179.99

Terms & Conditions apply. One per household.
Limited stocks available.
Price offer only available on 5th May.



SmithieLED
Lighting & Electrical appliance Depot

Open 7 days a week. Come in today.

- LED Lights
- TV's
- Audio
- Home Entertainment
- Vacuum Cleaners
- Kitchen Appliances
- Hobs and Ovens
- Tablets
- Fridges

Goodmans morphy richards Panasonic SAMSUNG PHILIPS YAMAHA linsar

Unit C2 Morse Road, West Ham Industrial Estate,
Basingstoke, RG22 6NE

01256 347158



BRAND NEW STORE

Smithie Lighting and Electrical Appliance Depot opens its doors officially this Bank Holiday Monday – 5th MAY

SHANE & Adele Hilden, owners & Directors of Smithie UK are proud to re-launch their LED store, located on Morse Road, West Ham Industrial Estate.

As well as offering energy saving LED, they are now on a money saving mission with their array of electrical appliances on offer in their new Lighting & Electronic Appliance Depot. Upon entering the store, you can immediately touch, feel and experience their range of TV's, audio systems, gadgets and appliances. As all stock is price checked with online retailers, customers can be sure

to get their hands on competitively priced appliances for their home, all in stock, ready to take away.

Shane Hilden MD said 'Smithie UK has been established for over 10 years in Basingstoke, as such we have forged really strong relationships with top name manufacturers such as Samsung and Panasonic. As we are able to buy direct from them, we have quite a big advantage, which is how we can offer the low prices you would only expect to see on the internet. For me, the experience of being able to see before you buy and

speak to members of staff who can assist your purchase decision is invaluable.'

The Mayor will be attending the Grand opening on Monday the 5th of May at 11am, where the staff will be demonstrating the vast range of audio systems and TV's. If this is not your thing, there will be tablets, gaming gear and smaller appliances on display in addition to their white goods. There will be plenty of little freebies on offer – pens, mugs etc. Plus a free portable speaker for all purchases made on the Grand opening day.



'We foster because it's great knowing every day you are making a difference in a young person's life.'

Call now to find out more about fostering with Hampshire County Council

Hampshire
Fostercare
0845 6035620
www.hants.gov.uk/fostering



Hampshire
County Council

www.hants.gov.uk



What a relief.
Tinnitus can be helped.
Let us **help** you
with our **Tinnitus**
Consultation.

Everyone experiences tinnitus differently but research suggests that some universal techniques specifically aimed at tinnitus can benefit all.

Our specialists are trained to address the causes, symptoms and effects of tinnitus and can help you claim back the quality of life you deserve, and clearer hearing.

We can arrange free Tinnitus Consultations in your own home from Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm

For more information or to arrange your home appointment call us free on 0800 612 7994. Alternatively email or contact us online.

We are open Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm. Please quote ref: TN B0 04 when contacting us.

bloom™ hearing specialists
email: enquiries@bloomhearing.co.uk

Head Office: 111-113 Fore Street, Saltash PL12 6AE

www.bloomhearing.co.uk/tinnitus

bloom™
hearing specialists

Come along
and discover the
advancements
in addressing
tinnitus

Have a Free
30 Minute
consultation
with our
specialist

Free home visits available in Basingstoke and the surrounding area

4fitsake

Fitness with Helena



FITNESS THAT'S
STRICTLY FUN!

Tadley Community Centre:-
Monday :- 6.45pm Zumba and
7.45pm Hiit Interval Training
Thursday:- 7.15pm Dance Fitness
and 8.15pm Zumba
Costello School, Basingstoke
Tuesday:- 6.30pm Dance Fitness
and 7.45pm FitSteps
Brighton Hill Comm. School
Wednesday:- 6.30 Dance Fitness,
7.30pm Hiit Interval Training
8.00pm Zumba

Just £15

for your first month of classes with this ad!



For more details email Helena Housego

Helena@4fitsake.co.uk or call on 0118 9889744

Only one offer/voucher per person. Normal price is £20 per month or £6.50 per class pay as you go.

Flats plan for empty offices

OFFICES in Basingstoke town centre which have been sitting empty for a year are to be turned into flats, plans have revealed.

Offices in Dextra Court, Chapel Hill, were on sale for £4m.

They have been bought by affordable homes company Sentinel Housing Association, it was announced on Tuesday.

The 40,000 sq ft building is due to be turned into 56 flats.

Sentinel's development director Mike Shepherd said: "One of our ambitions is to build a wide range of homes and these new apartments will offer local people the convenience of living right in the centre

By **Katriona Ormiston**

news@basingstokeobserver.co.uk

of town.

"With excellent public transport links and a choice of shops, entertainment and restaurants on the doorstep, these apartments will give more people the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of town centre living."

The company is planning to submit a permitted development rights application to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council for permission.

Sentinel have said they are planning to get building work underway when the plans are approved - which usually takes eight weeks.

Floor plans for the development have been drawn up by Portsmouth-

based architects Kenn Scaddan Associates.

Architects drawings of the plans have not yet been revealed.

The building has been sitting empty since early 2013.

It had previously been owned by Friends Life insurance company, which moved out to other offices in the UK.

Friends Life spokesman Helene Barnes said: "We haven't had colleagues in the building since early last year."

"We did a review of all out offices in the UK so the sale of the offices in Basingstoke has been planned for a while."

"Some of our colleagues who were based in Basingstoke moved out to other offices in the UK."

It was announced in July the Friends Life office in Basingstoke would close.

Find us on Twitter
[@BasingstokeNews](https://twitter.com/BasingstokeNews)



Lessons from a Masterchef judge

CELEBRITY chef John Torode showed crowds how to spice up their cooking at Festival Place.

The MasterChef TV star gave a series of demonstrations at the shopping centre's second annual Eat Street food event.

He put Michelin meals to one side and tackled street food with a twist in Porchester Square.

Excited fans chatted to the chef as he cooked, before Mr Torode signed copies of his latest book on April 18 and 19.

Restaurants including Ask, La Tasca, Gourmet Burger Kitchen and Wagamama dished out free tasters, while Costa Coffee was on hand with

coffee-making master classes.

Steven Connolly, Festival Place Centre Director, said: "With large crowds attending and over 4,000 free bites handed out, the event was a huge success and really helped establish Festival Place as the foodie destination it's become."

Donations from the event also raised £600 for the Ark Cancer Centre Charity.

The charity is raising £5m towards an £18m state-of-the-art cancer centre, to be built in North Hampshire by Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

• John Torode in Festival Place

News Bites

Foodbank use

ANOTHER 8,000 people in Hampshire have turned to food banks for help over the last year.

The increase of 59 per cent was recorded by foodbank charity The Trussell Trust.

It calculated from 2013 to 2014 a total of 22,655 people used foodbanks in Hampshire - up by 8,421 people from 2012 to 2013. In the South East there was a 103 per cent rise, according to the figures released last week.

The Trussell Trust runs 45 foodbanks across the region, alongside more than 22 run by other organisations.

Music evening

MORE than 300 of Basingstoke's talented young musicians are performing at a concert on Saturday.

Among the audience will be Mayor of Basingstoke Dan Putty for the Evening of Youth Music at The Anvil in Churchill Way.

The concert by Basingstoke Area Youth Orchestra and Choirs is to start at 7pm and run until 10pm.

Eight musical groups and choirs from several schools will play and sing pieces including Shostakovich's Symphony No. 5, Gaelforce, and work from The Beatles.

Train disruption

TRAIN travellers are being warned of evening disruptions between Basingstoke and Salisbury for the next three months.

During evenings from Mondays to Thursdays, a machine will be cleaning the track.

Work started on Monday and will last about seven weeks.

South West Trains is warning some services will be affected while the equipment is in operation - including some train cancellations.

A machine called a high output ballast cleaner will operate on the line to clean and replace the ballast that supports the railway.

The work comes after 16.3 miles of track was replaced between Basingstoke and Salisbury between October and January.

News Bites

Patient forum

RESIDENTS can attend a patient forum for the ambulance service which covers Basingstoke next week.

South Central Ambulance Service is hosting its second Hampshire patient forum on Tuesday, May 13.

It starts at 4.30pm in the Mountbatten Room at Hampshire Council Council in Elizabeth II Court, Winchester.

The free forums were launched to improve communications between the ambulance service and residents.

To attend, email getinvolved@scas.nhs.uk.

Help for families

ACROSS Hampshire, 388 troubled families have been helped get their lives on track, the Government has claimed.

Prime Minister David Cameron praised the work of the Department for Communities and Local Government for success in their Troubled Families programme.

Figures revealed today show across the county 388 families have been helped – 24 per cent of the number of troubled families identified in the county.

The programme launched in 2012.

The statistics are based on truanting children staying in school for three consecutive terms, youth crime and anti-social behaviour falling, or an adult holding a job down for more than three months.

Mr Cameron said: "Getting some of our country's most troubled families' lives back on track is a key part of our long-term plan."

£68m bill for the county after floods

FLOODING is expected to cost Hampshire about £68m.

The longer term costs of flooding is estimated to leave Hampshire County Council £68m out of pocket, they estimated this week.

About 70 homes were evacuated in Bursledon in Basingstoke during the February floods.

Flooding also overwhelmed the town's sewers.

More than 300 homes across the county were flooded.

The council said about £63m is needed to repair damaged roads and to build flood protection schemes to protect Hampshire against future floods.

The cost of the emergency response during the floods, including handing out sandbags, clearing trees and cleaning up, came to £5m.

More than 1,000 fallen trees were cleared and around 70,000 sandbags laid down to protect roads and river banks.

On Tuesday the Prime Minister's flood envoy, Government Minister Greg Barker, visited Hampshire to see the impact of the flooding.

He is one of a team of flood envoys tasked with reporting

By **Katriona Ormiston**

news@basingstokeobserver.co.uk

back to David Cameron on the winter floods.

Mr Barker visited the banks of the River Itchen which burst its banks to flood Winchester and Hambledon - one of the first areas in Hampshire to be flooded.

Leader of Hampshire County Council Roy Perry said: "It was a good opportunity to share what we've learnt from this winter, and what needs to be done next."

"While we continue to clear up and repair the damage done, we'll be pressing the case for funding and resources for Hampshire to ensure we and our partners like the Environment Agency and district and borough councils can keep people, property and highways as safe as we can."

The council has submitted 33 bids for funding for different flood protection schemes.

The county council has been given £11.5m for road repairs by the Government - but estimates it will need a total of £25m for roads alone.

Do you have a story to share with our readers?

Contact the Newsdesk on 01235 516930

or email news@basingstokeobserver.co.uk



• Flooding greatly affected Bursledon in February

Search is on for treasured baby carrier

A MUM is trying to track down a lost baby carrier accidentally thrown away in Basingstoke before her grandchild is born.

The Moses basket has been used by three generations of Donna Jackson's family.

Mrs Jackson, 46, of Oakridge, Basingstoke, said the family was devastated to have lost it.

It was accidentally thrown away last Thursday while Mrs Jackson's dad Melvyn Jackson, from Popley, was in the middle of moving house.

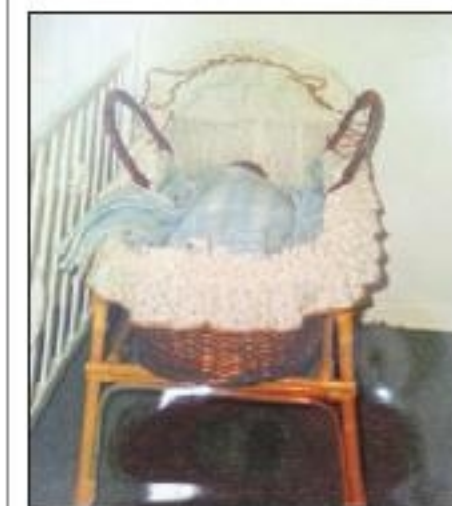
Her son Mitchell, 26, and partner are expecting their first baby in September.

Mrs Jackson said: "It has been in the family for generations."

"I'm desperate to get it back - I can't put a price on it - it's invaluable."

A friend of the family, who Mrs Jackson said has memory problems, is unsure where she dropped it off.

Email donna.jackson21@virgin.net with information.



JONATHAN WILLIAMS

Independent Funeral Directors

- Family run Funeral Directors with traditional high standards
- Providing a caring, dedicated and professional service 24 hours a day, 365 days a year
- Private and peaceful Chapel of Rest
- Our family caring for your family

35-41 Essex Road, Basingstoke, RG21 7TB

01256 817603 (24hrs)



HELP for HEROES
Support for our Wounded



MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

Wristbands, Hero Bears, Tea Towels, Mugs
Key Rings, T Shirts, Lanyards, Lapel Pins (all services)
And much, much more to order from

01256 817603

NEW STOCK NOW IN

Jonathan Williams, 35-41 Essex Road, Basingstoke, RG21 7TB Tel:

Grand Opening 5th of May attended by the Mayor NEW store open 7 days a week

Enter
in-store
to **WIN** a
new 42"
TV!

FREE
portable speaker
with every purchase
on the Grand
Opening day!

Offer of the day!

Samsung 32" LED HD ready TV
RRP £299.99 Unbeatable deal. Only available
on Grand Opening
£179.99

Terms & Conditions apply. One per household.
Limited stocks available. Price offer only available on 5th May.



SmithieLED
Lighting & Electrical appliance Depot

Electrical appliances for the home

- LED Lights
- Home Entertainment
- Hobs and Ovens
- TV's
- Vacuum Cleaners
- Tablets
- Audio
- Kitchen Appliances
- Fridges

✓ Pay today and take away ✓ Local delivery ✓ Free Parking ✓ Price checked with online & retail (T&Cs apply)

Unit C2 Morse Road, West Ham Industrial Estate,
Basingstoke, RG22 6NE

01256 347158



BRAND NEW STORE

Amberwood designs

Supply throughout Basingstoke, Tadley & surrounding areas

Windows for the 21st Century

Call us to find out how we can transform your conservatory in to a *Living room*

Checkatrade.com
Where reputation matters

10 YEAR
INSURANCE BACKED
GUARANTEE

ultraframe
Lean-to
Veranda

Living room
Cross over extensions

WE HAVE EXPANDED & MOVED TO
Young's Industrial Estate, Paices Hill,
Aldermaston, RG26 4PW

• DOORS • PORCHES

• FASCIAS

• BI-FOLDING DOORS
in PVC-u or alumin-
ium

• WINDOWS IN PVC OR
WOOD

• VERTICAL SLIDERS
IN WHITE OR CREAM
WOODGRAIN

SHOWROOM & TRADE COUNTER | CALL 0118 982 0300

The Old Nursery, Paices Hill, Aldermaston RG7 4PG

e.mail office@amberwooddesigns.co.uk | www.amberwooddesigns.co.uk

1000's OF PLANTS ARRIVING WEEKLY

1000's OF PLANTS ARRIVING WEEKLY

1000's OF PLANTS ARRIVING WEEKLY

1000's OF PLANTS ARRIVING WEEKLY 1000's OF PLANTS ARRIVING WEEKLY 1000's OF PLANTS ARRIVING WEEKLY

FRUIT TREES
£24.99

**SEED
POTATOES**
£1.29 PER KG

VALUE IN THE HOME AND GARDEN

**OPEN
ALL OVER THE
MAY DAY BANK
HOLIDAY**

**MR FOTHERGILL'S
AND JOHNSONS SEEDS**
BUY ANY 2 PACKETS AND
CHOOSE ONE FROM THE
'FREE' STAND

**HERBACEOUS AND
PERENNIALS**
1 LITRE £2.65
3 OR MORE £2.35

GERANIUMS
£2.25 EACH
3 FOR £6

**ALPINES
AND HERBS**
£1.65 EACH,
4 FOR £6

**VEGETABLE
PLANTS & SOFT
FRUIT**

**VISIT THE
AVENUE
RESTAURANT**

**PAVING AND
WALLING**
OVER 120 VARIATIONS, SIZES
COLOURS AND SHAPES

**BEDDING
PLANTS**
£3.25 per pack
Any 4 for £11.50

**BASKET AND
PATIO PLANTS**
OVER 100 VARIETIES
AVAILABLE
£1.65 EACH, 4 FOR £6

FUCHSIAS
OVER 30 VARIETIES
£1.65 EACH,
4 FOR £6

**FENCING PANELS,
POSTS, TRELIS,
ROSE ARCHES,
LARGE PLANTERS FOR
RAISED BEDS.**

BARBECUES
Good selection including
Weber

GARDEN FURNITURE
New selection for 2014. Over 40 sets of
furniture for you to view and try for
comfort.

FARM SHOP
FRUIT AND VEGETABLES, CAKES,
BISCUITS, JAMS AND CONFECTIONERY.
LOCALLY BAKED BREAD DELIVERED
DAILY, ALSO LOCALLY
BAKED CAKES.

**PET FOOD &
ACCESSORIES**

We sell a wide range of pet food
and accessories. If you don't find
an item you require please ask
and we will try to help.
Phone for our competitive prices.

**ALL AT VERY
COMPETITIVE PRICES**

**FREE
DELIVERY**
on orders
over £30

Visit our website:
www.avenuenurseries.com

AVENUE NURSERIES GARDEN CENTRE

THE AVENUE, LASHAM, ALTON, GU34 5SU (01256) 381648 • Open: Monday - Saturday 8.30am - 6pm Sunday 10am - 5pm

HOW TO FIND US: We are sign posted off the A339 Alton - Basingstoke Road and the B3349 Alton - Odiham Road

Marathon run raises £1,500 for cat charity

A CAT lover raised more than £1,500 for a Basingstoke cat charity running the London Marathon despite tearing a ligament at mile 15.

Sara Sayers finished the 26 miles on April 13 for rescue centre Cat Protection in Hatch Lane, Old Basing.

The charity, which covers Tadley and Basingstoke, took in 212 cats and kittens and rehomed 206 last year.

Ms Sayers, 48, from Hatch Warren, said "Running over Tower Bridge was amazing - but the best thing was raising over £1,500."

She finished the race in seven hours, 10 minutes and 50 seconds - in spite of tearing a ligament just over half way through.

She has adopted numerous cats over the years, including some from Basingstoke's Cat Protection.

The charity's branch co-ordinator Hilary Wells said: "We constantly need to raise additional funds to ensure we maintain the highest standards of care to all our cats we re-home. Our branch is currently in need of updating some of our cat pens so any money raised will help pay for this."



Revamp complete following delays

By **Katriona Ormiston**

news@basingstokeobserver.co.uk

BUILDING work finished this week on a £280,000 revamp of Basingstoke's market place.

The redevelopment, which started in October, involved ripping up old paving and laying new slabs in the Top of the Town area.

The renovation was delayed because of bad weather over winter - but Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council announced on Tuesday the work was finished.

Project manager Chas Bradfield said: "Whilst the improvement works at market place have taken a little longer than anticipated, I hope everyone agrees that the end result has been well worth the wait."

"The town centre programme is now starting to take shape. Basingstoke now has a much improved market square providing an exciting, vibrant and interesting area for residents and visitors to enjoy."

Work to the square was carried out to make the paving last long and so the Top of the Town looks more attractive.

It means Basingstoke's market is back in the town centre this weekend.



• The completed market place in Top of the Town

The markets - on Wednesdays and Saturdays - have been running at the bottom of Wote Street

between the back of Debenhams and the Central Car Park nicknamed the Banjo.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council say they are in talks with Hampshire's Farmer's Market to re-launch them

in the town.

They are also appointing a market coordinator to oversee its running.

Councillor Seán Woodward, executive member for economy, transport and environment at Hampshire County Council, said: "I'm pleased that work at Market Place is complete. Some weather

related issues had delayed the progress for a short period but it is now finished. On behalf of the County Council, I would like to thank businesses, residents and visitors for their patience while these works were carried out and hope that the new improved square will have a positive impact on the town centre."

News Bites

Cancer session

A BREAST cancer support charity is hosting its first information session for Basingstoke women next month.

The free session run by Breast Cancer Care runs from 10am until 1pm at The Ark Conference Centre in Dinwoodie Drive.

It is about signs and symptoms of a possible recurrence.

People who want to join have to register by calling Breast Cancer Care on 0845 0771895 or emailing src@breastcancer.org.uk

Take the test

PEOPLE in Hampshire are being urged to take the test for bowel cancer.

The call comes after NHS figures revealed last month only 40 per cent of people eligible for testing in the county take up the offer.

The NHS England Wessex screening team say they are concerned about the figure.

Slimming advice

A SLIMMING expert is warning people to be aware of the effect of drinking on their weight and health.

Team manager of Basingstoke's Slimming World Carole Pritchard said people often don't realise its impact.

The warning comes after a report by the weight-loss company Slimming World revealed the average person drinking past their own tipping point consumes more than 5,700 extra calories.

Slimming World sessions run from Basingstoke Rugby Club, Pack Lane, on Mondays.

FREE
Guttering
with new
Fascias & Soffits

LIMITED OFFER

Gutters limited to first 125 orders
Kitchens limited to first 50 orders

academyhome.co.uk T&C's apply



FREE BOSCH
APPLIANCES
WORTH UP TO £500

KITCHENS



WINDOWS



CONSERVATORIES



DOORS

ACADEMY
"BUY LOCAL BUY SAFE"
HOME
Improvements

SHOWROOM OPEN
9AM-5PM MON to FRI
9AM-4.30PM SAT

UNIT 5 CHINEHAM
SHOPPING CENTRE
RG24 8BQ

01256 688 180

academyhome.co.uk

WE GUARANTEE

TO BEAT ANY LIKE FOR LIKE QUOTE

[/AcademyHomeImprovements](https://www.facebook.com/YourAcademyHome)
[@YourAcademyHome](https://www.twitter.com/YourAcademyHome)

BOSCH Invented for life
FENSA Registered Company



Up to 70% off Clearance Models and many great offers throughout the store



Showroom open 9:00am - 5:30pm Monday - Saturday
 Elstead Lighting Ltd, Elstead House, Mill Lane, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 2QJ
 Tel: 01420 590510 • elsteadlighting.com

Police show 'importance' of road safety

MORE than 2,000 drivers were caught speeding by Hampshire police during a week-long campaign against the crime.

The operation by Hampshire Constabulary caught 2,123 drivers - 1,669 were detected by police officers using speed trap devices and 454 through automatic speed cameras.

The campaign was launched on Monday, April 14 and ended on Sunday, April 20.

In Hampshire last year 10 out of 42 people killed on the road was linked to speeding - or driving too fast for the conditions.

Hampshire Constabulary road safety Sergeant Rob Heard said: "Tackling speeding through enforcement underlines the critical importance placed on road safety issues in the UK."

"Excessive or inappropriate speed has a singularly devastating impact on the safety of road users, increasing both the risk of a crash and the severity of the consequences."

"The forces experienced by the human body in a collision increase exponentially as speed increases, and every day on the UK's roads an average of five people will die and 65 will be seriously injured in collisions where speed may be a factor. It needs to be noted that the speed limit is a limit, not a target."

The operation was part of a European-wide speed enforcement campaign called TISPOL.

Former pilot takes over as chairman

By **Katriona Ormiston**

news@basingstokeobserver.co.uk

AN ex-RAF pilot has been appointed the head of Hampshire's air ambulance.

Former Harrier pilot Marcus de Ferranti took over as Chairman of Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance last week.

Mr De Ferranti went on to serve in the Government's cabinet office as head of unit policy communication under the deputy Prime Minister from 1995 to 1997, before working with technology companies.

He said: "I feel privileged to be able to play my part in the future of Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance."

"Having lived in Hampshire for many years, I have always been in awe of the life saving service that the charity provides and of the dedication of the aircrews, staff and volunteers."

"I look forward to the many new and exciting opportunities that lie ahead for this much loved and respected charity."

Hampshire's air ambulance service has had 5,088 missions - many of which were life-saving - since it started on July 1, 2007.

The helicopter - based at Thruxton Airfield near Andover - flies seven days a week and



(From left) Air ambulance chairman Marcus de Ferranti and board member Tony Nicholson

is called out two or three times a day on average. The charity is now trying to upgrade their helicopter so they can carry out night time emergency missions.

Outgoing interim chairman Tony Nicholson said: "It's been a key responsibility for me to

oversee the careful search for the right person to fill the role for the longer term - and we are delighted that, in Marcus, we have the perfect candidate to take over as Chairman."

Mr Nicholson will carry on serving on the board of trustees heading the internal operations group.

'Cutest pet' rabbit wins competition

A RABBIT owned by a teenager from Basingstoke was picked as one of the winners of a national pet photo competition.

One-year-old Wotsit, owned by 19-year-old Chloé Murray from Sherborne St John, was voted cutest pet in the contest by developers Taylor Wimpey.

The competition has one winner every day between March 31 until May 5 - chosen by public vote. An overall winner is then picked to win £1,000.

Wotsit was voted as a daily winner after Chloé's submitted a photo of Wotsit on her bed.

Chloé, from Basingstoke, said: "We've had Wotsit since September. We got her from a local rescue centre and she had a bit of a tough start in life. She came from a breeder who didn't look after her and she was sold to her previous owner as a boy. When the last owner got bored of her, she was dumped at the rescue centre."

"When we adopted her she had been passed from place to place, so we are happy to spoil her. She's a real diva but everyone loves her."



FREE

BOSCH

appliances

worth up to £500

LIMITED OFFER

limited to first 50 orders on new kitchens

academyhome.co.uk

BOSCH
Invented for life

ACADEMY
"BUY LOCAL BUY SAFE"
HOME
Improvements

SHOWROOM OPEN
9AM-5PM MON to FRI
9AM-4.30PM SAT

UNIT 5 CHINEHAM SHOPPING CENTRE
RG24 8BQ

01256 688 180

academyhome.co.uk

WE GUARANTEE
TO BEAT ANY LIKE FOR LIKE QUOTE

/AcademyHomeImprovements
 @YourAcademyHome

T&C's apply

BuySpecs Direct

Buy your spectacles direct from the manufacturer

Free eye tests available

"visit one of our shops and save upto 70% on your spectacles"

Unbeatable Prices

Complete spectacles from only **£19.99**

Prescription sunglasses from only **£29.99**

Transitions lenses from only **£45.00**

Designer sunglasses from only **£89.99**

Frame and bifocal lenses from only **£44.99**

Frame and varifocals from only **£59.99**

Frame and latest technology varifocals from only **£139.99**

Designer frames at low prices

Bench. HACKETT LONDON JAI KUDO JK London POLICE PRADA Ray-Ban SKECHERS
CONVERSE GANT GIVENCHY OAKLEY I TED BAKER LONDON GUESS VOQUE

Advanced Digital Imaging



OCT will give accurate diagnosis:

- AMD
- Diabetic Maculopathy
- Macular Hole
- Epiretinal Membrane
- Early detection of Glaucoma

*It is estimated that approximately 2% of people over the age of 40 will have Glaucoma.

*Statistics obtained from The International Glaucoma Association.

What is an OCT scan?

This practice has invested in the very latest OCT scanning technology.

An Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) scan is a unique test which uses near-infrared light reflected off the retina to produce a high resolution 3-Dimensional scan of the retina and associated structures.

It is particularly useful in the assessment of patients with AMD, Diabetic Maculopathy, early detection of Glaucoma and the management of these diseases. The test is non invasive, quick and entirely painless.

Am I at risk of Glaucoma?

Are you over 40?
Do you have a family history of Glaucoma?
Are you short sighted?
Do you have diabetes?
Are you of African-Caribbean origin?

If the answer is yes to any of these questions, then you are at an increased risk and should definitely have your eyes tested regularly.*

Why has this practice invested in OCT?

We believe this advanced imagery allows us to detect and monitor early stages of diseases and as this examination is not available under the NHS, we make an additional charge for this scan. Please ask for further details.

This assessment of your eyes using OCT Technology will give us the most accurate diagnosis possible and help us give you the best advice to protect your sight and the health of your eyes.

Your eyes deserve the benefits of cutting edge technology available at this practice.



BuySpecs Direct, Yard House, May Place, Basingstoke RG21 1NX
Telephone: 01256 331349

What's on in HAMPSHIRE

BasingstokeObserver.co.uk



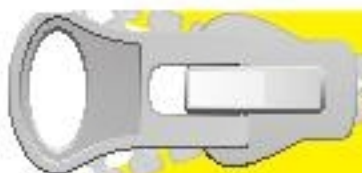
- Attractions
- Clubbing
- Comedy
- Community
- Exhibitions
- Film
- Live Music
- Performing Arts
- Sport
- Classes

Your complete guide to what you can see and do in Hampshire. In print & online



One man's struggles in trying to charm elegant women

• *She Stoops to Conquer* is at The Haymarket next week. See Overleaf.



16a Church Street, Basingstoke
Hampshire, RG21 7QH

At the Zip Yard we offer:

- Clothing alterations
 - Dress re-styling
 - Garment repairs
 - A tailoring service
 - Leather Jackets
 - School Uniforms
 - Wedding/Bridal wear
 - Formal wear
 - And we offer a 1 hour express service for zips, hems and minor repairs
- We also have on-site fitting rooms,
no appointments required



T: 01256 474735
www.thezipyard.co.uk

Blues and soul

ROBERT Cray and his band have made a return to the UK to celebrate their 40th anniversary, and come to The Anvil tomorrow evening.

For four decades, Robert has been known as one of the most popular artists in blues and soul music, shaping the scene in the 1980s with his breakthrough album 'Strong Persuader'.

The show starts at 7.30pm.

Dumbfest 2014

BORDON Phoenix host Dumbfest 2014 on Saturday, an eclectic mix of musicians and comedians performing on multiple stages both inside and outside.

It started after the Dumball Rally in 2010, where teams were tasked with buying an old car, do it up and drive across Europe in fancy dress to raise money for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Open mic night

AMATEUR and professional musicians in Basingstoke are invited to take part in an open mic night at Central Studio tomorrow night.

It is one of a regular series of acoustic nights run by the venue with anyone welcome to take part, or just listen to the mix of performances on offer.

The mic night is free to take part.

Goldsmith's comedy show

OLIVER Goldsmith's popular comedy *She Stoops to Conquer* comes to The Haymarket next week, telling the story of Charles Marlow's struggles in the presence of elegant women.

Charles' father sets him up with a friend's eligible daughter Miss Hardcastle, only to discover that he is completely tongue-tied.

By Adam Flinn

adam@taylornewspapers.co.uk



But the lady is charmed by her glibbing suitor, and employs an unexpected tactic to put him at ease.

Katherine Senior, actor and founding

member of the Creative Cow theatre company, said: "We chose this play because of its appeal, both to theatres and in turn their audiences."

"Oliver Goldsmith wrote a wonderful piece of entertainment with themes that have endured throughout hundreds of years."

"As with any good play, the themes,

which in this production are love, social endeavour, scheming, class, comedy and tomfoolery, play a huge part in its staying power. That, and brilliant writing."

She Stoops to Conquer was written by Goldsmith, and was first performed as a play in London in 1773.

It has been adapted for film and television numerous times since the start of the 20th century, and is well known for its comedic elements of mistaken identities and practical jokes.

"We have in recent years gone for comedies and farces," Katherine added. "Perhaps that was because we felt that our audiences could do with a giggle during the bleak recession!"

"It is also very good fun to tour a comedy, and we will be adding our own touches to the show."

"It's not a conscious thing really, we have evolved over the years as a company and that does add a certain something to the shows."

"What it is I couldn't really tell you, but most people seem to like it, which is great!"

It is running at The Haymarket from May 7 to 10. For more details, including show times and ticket prices, go to www.anvilarts.org.uk.

• *She Stoops to Conquer* is being staged in Basingstoke from next week



£100 off a Pre-paid Funeral Plan

Because being prepared today could help your loved ones tomorrow

BASINGSTOKE 1 Buckland Parade
Buckland Avenue, RG22 6JW

01256 351606

The **co-operative** funeralcare
Part of the Southern Co-operative

This voucher entitles the bearer to a **£100 discount off** the price of a **Pre-paid Funeral Plan** from The Southern Co-operative Funeralcare.

**£100
OFF**

The Southern Co-operative
funeral plan

Terms & Conditions: 1. This discount is solely redeemable by the presenter of the voucher, who may use it to purchase a plan for themselves or an immediate family member, but must be the person paying for the Plan. The voucher may not be exchanged for cash. 2. The discount will be deducted from the retail price of the Funeral Plan purchased at time of sale. 3. Only one discount is available per transaction. 4. This voucher has no cash value and may not be used in conjunction with any other discount or promotion. 5. The decision of The Southern Co-operative in relation to each discount is final and binding. 6. Voucher will be void if reproduced or photocopied. 7. The Southern Co-operative reserves the right to withdraw this promotion at any time. 8. This voucher is valid until **29th August 2014 80/14/07**

www.funeralcare.co.uk

To advertise in the Basingstoke Observer call
01235 511700

milan hairdressing

**SPECIALISING IN COLOUR
& HIGHLIGHTING,
CUTTING, PERMING AND
GENTS HAIRDRESSING.**

EXPERTS IN FINE HAIR.

**FOR A COMPETITIVE QUOTE
AND TO CHECK OUT OUR
LATEST OFFERS PLEASE CALL US
ON 01256 355575 OR POP IN
FOR A FREE CONSULTATION.**

**QUALITY HAIRDRESSING
FOR EVERYONE**

milan hairdressing, 20 Hampstead House,
Festival Place, Town Centre on slope nr M&S
Quality hairdressing for everyone

**Basingstoke
Observer****Reader Travel**8 days, from
£999^{pp}**Imperial Cities**Departing Thursday 7 August 2014
From Gatwick airport

- Return flights from Gatwick airport[†]; outbound to Prague and return from Budapest
- Return airport-hotel-airport transfer
- Coach transfer from Prague to Vienna, and transfer by train from Vienna to Budapest
- 3 nights' stay at the 4 star Hotel Century Old Town, Prague with breakfast
- 2 nights' stay at the 4 star Courtyard by Marriott, Vienna Messe with breakfast
- 2 nights' stay at the 4 star Lion's Garden Hotel, Budapest with breakfast
- 3 lunches and 4 dinners, including a Folklore Show with dinner in Prague and a Dinner Cruise on the River Danube in Budapest
- All excursions as detailed in the itinerary
- Admission to Prague Castle (including St Vitus' Cathedral and St George's Basilica); the Hofburg Imperial Palace and Schönbrunn Palace (Vienna); Matthias Church, the Fisherman's Bastion and The Statue Park (Budapest)

Organised by Omega Holidays, ABTA V4782, ATOL Protected 6081. Single supplements apply. Subject to availability. [†]We have included a reasonable budget for your flights. Should the cost of these fall below or rise above this amount we will amend the holiday cost to reflect these changes and therefore the price may increase or decrease accordingly. The final price will be confirmed at the time of booking. The advertised price is correct as of 30 December 2013 and is based upon departure from Gatwick airport on 7 August 2014.

For more information or to book, please call:
01539 751252 quote BOB
or visit: www.basingstokeobserver.reader.travel

OPENING TIMES:
MON-FRI 8.30-19.30
SAT 8.45-15.30
SUN 10.00-15.00

**DAY ENTRY
JUST £7.00**

CHILD (UP TO 16 YRS) FREE
OPENING TIMES:
9.30am-5.00pm (FRI-SAT)
9.30am-4.30pm (SUN)
NEWBURY SHOWGROUND,
BERKSHIRE RG18 9QZ

WWW.SHOWGOER.CO.UK

THE SOUTHERN MOTORCARAVAN 16-18 MAY 2014 NEWBURY RG18 9QZ **show**

PLUS
FREE PARKING
& SHOWGUIDE

**2 FOR £13
WITH THIS ADVERT***

PLUS
FOOD, DRINK
& DAYTIME ENTERTAINMENT

- 200 SPECIALIST EXHIBITORS & DEALERS • HUNDREDS OF NEW AND PRE-OWNED MOTORHOMES
- OUTDOOR ACCESSORIES & MORE • TRADE-INS, VALUATIONS & ADVICE
- SPEAK TO PARK REPRESENTATIVES • CLASSIC CAMPERS DISPLAY
- PARK AND HOLIDAY HOMES FROM MAJOR MANUFACTURERS

This advert entitles the bearer to day admission for two adults for £13.00. Normal admission is £7.00 per adult. No photocopies accepted. Only one advert per couple. Maximum discount £1.00. Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. **80**

Want to take your first steps on the property ladder?




Come to one of our **FREE** first time buyer events and let us help you find the way. Held in association with other local partners.

Basingstoke
Thursday 15th May
(4pm-8pm)
Apollo Hotel, RG24 9NU

Feel free to browse our stands
To find out more
Visit: newbury.co.uk/iwantahome
or to book your place
Call: **01635 555777**
Email: iwantahome@newbury.co.uk

YOUR HOME MAY BE REPOSSESSED IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON YOUR MORTGAGE



A portrait of Sally Morgan, a woman with blonde hair and glasses, wearing a green jacket. The background features a pink and black striped sunburst pattern at the top and a yellow and black striped pattern below.

Psychic SALLY
ON THE ROAD

Direct from her smash-hit TV series
sky LIVING

SME
SALLY MORGAN ENTERPRISES

WED 28 MAY | THE ANVIL BASINGSTOKE

Box Office: 01256 844 244

www.anvilarts.org.uk

Sally Morgan is investigational and the show is for the purpose of entertainment



Folk music duo coming to town

FOLK duo Phillip Henry and Hannah Martin come to The Forge tomorrow evening, following on from their nomination for 'Best Duo' in the 2014 BBC Folk Awards.

Phillip is known as one of the UK's top slide guitarists and harmonica players, while Hannah concentrates mainly on the fiddle, viola and banjo.

Tickets cost £15, and booking information can be found at anvilarts.org.uk.

Alternatively, call the box office on 01256 844244.

'Travels With My Camera'

PHOTOGRAPHER Stuart Boyd hosts Travels With My Camera, a discussion of his inspirations for taking pictures of landscapes, nature and wildlife at the Basingstoke Discovery Centre next Thursday.

Stuart likes to capture the form, pattern and colour of a subject, and will be showing a number of his images during the presentation.

There is free entry to the 2pm show, further details of which can be found at hants.gov.uk/bsdc, or by calling 01256 478670.

Saving the record shop



BASINGSTOKE author Graham Jones will be unveiling the latest version of his successful book 'Last Shop Standing', in a show at the Proteus Creation Space, on Council Road, tomorrow evening.

Graham has been working in the music industry for the past 30 years, and has seen the number of record shops plummet nationwide from over 2,200 to 269.

He decided to write the book as he thought that record stores would soon disappear altogether, but there has actually been a resurgence of them in recent years.

"I wrote it because I genuinely thought in 20 years time there wouldn't be any left," said Graham.

"But the great news is that since 2009, we've actually got more record shops than we did back then, and it's because vinyl sales have taken off.

"People are now seeing more opportunities in towns and cities to open record shops, and most weeks now I get an email from someone saying their opening a shop. It's great."

Through his work, Graham has visited around 1,500 record shops in his life, and believes no-one has ever been to more.

Tomorrow's show will host a question and answer session with Graham about the book, as well as the first

ever screening in Basingstoke of the book's accompanying film of the same name.

Graham added: "I was phoned up about 18 months ago by a film company, who said they'd love to turn the book into a film.

"For me that was exciting news because you hear about these authors who get a million pounds to have their book turned into a film.

"They met with me down the pub and bought me a cheese sandwich and a bitter shandy, and that's all I got!

"But the film has been incredible. It was the official film of Record Store Day last year, and we haven't had a bad review about it."

The show starts at 7pm tomorrow, and tickets cost £3.

Sports fun day

BASINGSTOKE Sports and Social Club, on Fairfield Road, is hosting a free community sports fun day on Sunday.

Families can join in a range of sporting activities including football, rugby, cricket and squash, all held by fully qualified coaches.

It starts at 12noon and runs until 3pm. Go to basingstoke-sports-club.co.uk for more information.



The Bead Base is Basingstoke's only dedicated bead shop.

We sell beads to suit all budgets. By the string, in packets and individually in our popular pick'n'mix section.

We stock tools, findings, threads, guide books and more.

Everything you need to make your own fashion jewellery.



Unit 32, Basepoint Enterprise Centre, Stroudley Road Basingstoke RG24 8UP

07749027634

www.thebeadbase.co.uk



What's on in HAMPSHIRE

LISTINGS

Want even more?
Visit BasingstokeObserver.co.uk
for the full guide of what to see and do in Hampshire

Saturday 10 May 2014 7.45
The Anvil
ONE NIGHT OF ELVIS



1 May 2014 - 3 May 2014,
The Haymarket
THE DEVIL AT MIDNIGHT
Spine-tingling psychological thriller.
01256 844244 www.anvilarts.org.uk

1 May 2014, 6:30pm
The Tea Bar, Basingstoke
LOCAL FOOD ROOTS EVENT
Film show and discussion followed
by presentations from local food
projects and a discussion about the
local food networks in Basingstoke
and north Hampshire
tombrenan@googlemail.com

2 May 2014, 7:45pm
The Forge
**PHILLIP HENRY AND
HANNAH MARTIN**
Phillip and Hannah are two musi-
cians with a fast growing following:
Phillip one of the UK's top slide
guitarists and harmonica players;
Hannah a singer-songwriter and
multi-instrumentalist writing mainly
on fiddle, viola and banjo.
01256 844244 www.anvilarts.org.uk

2 May 2014, 7:30pm
Central Studio, Queen Mary's
College
ACOUSTIC OPEN MIC NIGHT
Come along to play or just come
to hear some of the most talented
musicians in Basingstoke. Every-
body welcome, from professionals to
first time performers. FREE
www.centralstudio.co.uk

3 May 2014, 7:30pm - 11:45pm
Crown Lane, Old Basing
BAND NIGHT
SIX FIVE JIVE ROCK N ROLL &
OBRBL proudly present Band Night
with ROCKIN' THE JOINT plus DJ
Stompin' Steve. £10 on the door.
07904931161

4 May 2014, 11am - 11:30pm
Camrose Social Club, Western Way
Basingstoke RG22 6EZ
STOKIE-FEST
All day music event featuring Hats
off to Led Zeppelin along with a fan-
tastic and varied line up throughout
the day. There will also be family fun
outside food and drink stalls, kids'

entertainment and prizes to be won
throughout the day.
[https://www.facebook.com/pages/
Stokie-Fest/365361226933789](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Stokie-Fest/365361226933789)

7 May 2014 - 10 May 2014,
The Haymarket
SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER
Charles Marlow, a well-bred young
man from London, is beset with a
stutter and a quiver when in the
presence of elegant and educated
young women. When his father sets
him up with his old friend's eligible
daughter, he is totally tongue tied -
but Miss Hardcastle is charmed by
her gibbering suitor and employs an
unexpected tactic to put him at his
ease.
01256 844244 www.anvilarts.org.uk

8 May 2014, 8pm
The Forge
**MAMANE BARKA THE LONE
MASTER OF THE BIRAM**
A night in the company of Mamane
Barka is a chance not just to experi-
ence a beautiful, forgotten music,
but to hear the fascinating story of
one man's mission to save a sacred
harp and the rich musical traditions
of the Boudouma nomads from
extinction.
01256 844244 www.anvilarts.org.uk

8 May 2014, 7:45pm
The Anvil
**CARNABY STREET - THE
CONCERT**
Featuring a six-piece band, led by
an array of fantastic singers, the
show is set against the backdrop of
London's West End in the sixties - its
iconic clubs, trendy fashions and
eccentric characters; at a time full of
hope and freedom; when the world
was changing and anything seemed
possible.
01256 844244 www.anvilarts.org.uk

10 May 2014 - 17 May 2014, 7pm -
10pm
Tadley Common Methodist Church
**TADLEY YOUTH DRAMA
PRODUCTION**
Come and watch a UK premier
of To The Rescue set in America.
Refreshments available and a warm
welcome awaits
Tickets are £6 and £4 and available
from local churches and Helping
Hands Charity Shop in Tadley and
also on the door.
www.tadleyyouthdrama.org.uk/
07443118432

10 May 2014, 1:30pm - 4pm
St Peter's Church Hall, Church Road
(B3350), Earley Reading
**HARDY PLANT SOCIETY
PLANT SALE**
Admission 50p
Good quality flower and vegetable
plants on sale.
Home-made cakes, tea and coffee
available.
Free car-parking.

www.berkshirehps.org.uk 0118
9700522.

10 May 2014, 11am
Central Studio, Queen Mary's
College
BIG BOOK TALL TALES
£6 full | £5 children
This is an old story that takes place
in a forgotten tattered library. The
caretaker arrives to check the place
over. He talks to the audience about
his love of books.
www.centralstudio.co.uk

10 May 2014, 7:30pm
Central Studio, Queen Mary's
College
DAVID COPPERFIELD
£12 full | £10 concessions | £8
students & children
Hotbuckle Productions are bringing
their distinctive style to this beloved
story of Dickens' favourite child,
David Copperfield, where they
capture the haunting beauty of the
Yarmouth Coast and bustling
Victorian London, the humour and
wit, violence and beauty of Dickens'
great novel.
www.centralstudio.co.uk

10 May 2014, 8pm
The Forge
ELIZA GILKYSOON
Grammy-nominated and Billboard-
charting artist Eliza Gilkyssoon's music
has always reflected her vivid vision
of the world around her, full of joys
and sorrows. Whether belting out a
soulful number or beautifully musing
on the world's woes, her songs are
always rich with emotion.
01256 844244 www.anvilarts.org.uk

10 May 2014, 7:45pm
The Anvil
ONE NIGHT OF ELVIS
This brand new show celebrates the
entire career of the musical legend,
beginning with an authentic recrea-
tion of the legendary '68 Comeback
Special, featuring the famous 'sit
down' section, progressing through
to a rousing expo of Elvis's years
performing in Vegas.
01256 844244 www.anvilarts.org.uk

14 May 2014,
Princes Hall Aldershot
OMID DJALILI LIVE
01252 329155

14 May 2014, 7:45pm
The Anvil
**PHILHARMONIA ORCHES-
TRA**
Truls Mark, one of the most
pre-eminent cellists of our time,
performs Dvořák's Cello Concerto
with the Philharmonia Orchestra as
part of a programme of Bohemian
masterpieces
01256 844244 www.anvilarts.org.uk

15 May 2014, 7:45pm
The Anvil

**AN EVENING WITH THE
STARS FROM STRICTLY
COME DANCING**
All beautifully costumed, Pasha,
Katya and their guest dancers
present a series of stunning dance
routines, accompanied by a full
audio-visual backdrop and light
show, the ever enjoyable Q & A
section, and there will also be
an appearance by a local dance
school.
01256 844244 www.anvilarts.org.uk

16 May 2014, 7:30pm
Alton Methodist Church
NIGEL OGDEN
from the BBC Radio 2 program The
Organist Entertains

16 May 2014, 7:30pm
Queen Mary's Hall, QMC
CENTRAL COMEDY
Come to see the famous comedians
of tomorrow, today - at a quarter of
the price!
See the Central Studio website for
the line-up and if you want to have a
go yourself then there's a 3 minute
Open Mic slot available, email
Matthew at: ohthatisreallyfunny@gmail.com
www.centralstudio.co.uk

17 May 2014, 8pm
Central Studio, Queen Mary's
College
VOODOO ROOM
£12 full | £10 concessions | £8
students & children
Paying tribute to both Jimi Hendrix
& Cream - Voodoo Room are a stun-

ning new Power Trio featuring some
of the UK's finest musicians. They
perform an incredible, high energy
show, delivered in the true spirit of
these legendary superstars.
www.centralstudio.co.uk

17 May 2014, 10am - 4pm
Masonic Centre, Basingstoke
OPEN DAY
The Masonic Centre in Victoria
Street, Basingstoke will be open to
members of the public who have an
interest in Freemasonry. Members
will be on hand to answer your
questions about Freemasonry and
you will be able to look around the
lodge room. We will be presenting
cheques to various charities that we
have raised funds for throughout the
year. All are welcome to attend and
light refreshments will be provided.
www.basingstokemasons.co.uk

23 May 2014, 7pm - 12:30am
Red Lion Hotel, Basingstoke
**BLACK TIE CHARITY
AUCTION**
Black tie charity auction raising
money for the national autistic
society, 3 course dinner, wine and
disco. Items for auction range from
sports memorabilia to local spa days,
tickets are available at £25pp.
3run are the special guests running
the auction.
7414915288

23 May 2014,
Farnham Maltings
THE RUTLES
www.farnhammaltings.com

Galleon Marine

COLT HILL, ODIHAM, HANTS
(opposite the Waterwitch Pub)




- Day hire of narrowboats. Also available rowboats, kayaks and canoes by the hour
- Ice creams and drinks

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR LOCAL CANAL

Tel: 01256 703691
www.galleonmarine.co.uk

Bank Holiday Sunday & Monday May 4th & 5th

Hampshire Country Fair

A large Country Fair with three action
packed arenas presenting country
sports and pursuits at their very best.
Enjoy Falconry, Sheepdogs,
Horseboarding, Gundogs and
Scurry Racing. Check out the
Owl Show, the Eagle Show, the
Food Show and Craft Village, Steam
Engines, Vintage Vehicles & Machinery.
Try out lots of country sports, Falconry,
Fishing and Dog Handling... Yes there's
Lots to See! Lots to Do! Lots to Buy!
Please view the website for more details



NETLEY MARSH SHOWGROUND Netley Marsh, Hants SO40 7GY
Admission: Adults: £12.00 Over 65's: £11.00 Child: £4.00 10.00am - 6.00pm Daily
www.livingheritagecountrysows.com Tel: 01283 820 548

A Superb
Family
Day Out



Finkley Down farm

NEW GIANT INDOOR PLAYBARN!






Finkley Down Farm
Andover, Hampshire SP11 6NF
01264 324141
www.finkleydownfarm.co.uk

KITCHEN GENIE



give your kitchen a
magical transformation
...with replacement
kitchen doors
& **worktops...**

Laminate, Solid Wood or Painted Doors available, all made to measure



**FAMILY
RUN
BUSINESS**
OVER 30 YEARS
EXPERIENCE

Ask About...

The quartz overlay which goes over your existing worktops. More durable and less porous than granite and up to 40% cheaper!

quartzize



OUR MAGICAL FITTING SERVICE IS NOW FREE

KITCHEN GENIE Call 01256 830260

TRANSFORM YOUR KITCHEN AT A FRACTION OF THE COST

www.thekitchengenie.co.uk



What's on in HAMPSHIRE

PUZZLES

Want even more?
Visit BasingstokeObserver.co.uk
for the full guide of what to see and do in Hampshire

ladderloans

Loans from £1500
up to 18 months

Apply now at:

www.ladderloans.co.uk

299% APR Representative

Sudoku

Place a number from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so that each 3x3 block, column, and full row includes each of the numbers from 1 to 9 only once. **EASY/MEDIUM/HARD**

4					8	2		5
	3		2	1		4		
	7	6	3					9
					9	6	1	5
		8				7		
9	1	4	5	3				
3					5	9	6	
		7		6	2		8	
1		9	7					2

6	4							7
					6	5		8
9	1				7			3
	2				4			
	9	7				2	1	
			7				3	
2			4				6	1
	5		6	7				
7							5	2

			2		8			1
4		5				7		
	1	3						
	6			9				
7			3		1			8
				6			9	
						5	6	
		8				3		4
1			9		5			

Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

- 4 Allow (6)
8 Transporter (7)
9 List of things to be done (6)
10 Afflict (9)
11 Halt (4)
13 Spirited horse (5)
14 Long loose overcoats (7)
16 Discourse (7)
18 Live piece of coal (5)
19 Crude metals (4)
21 Office of foreign power (9)
22 Crown (6)
23 Brown coal (7)
24 Settle comfortably (6)

Quick Clues Down

- 1 Geographical dictionary (9)
2 Expectations (9)
3 Blood-sucker (5)
5 Brink (4)
6 Small space of time (6)
7 Vagrants (6)
9 Coral island (5)
11 Pep pill (9)
12 Determine one's position (9)
15 Besom (5)
16 Capital city (6)
17 Conifers (6)
20 On the move (5)
21 Monk's room (4)

Cryptic Clues Across

- 4 Separate after the beginning of French leave? (6)
8 Ostentatious to mop up spilt soup (7)
9 Let man change in the mind (6)
10 Dramatic desire for city transport (6-3)
11 Was once a vegetable, it's said (4)
13 The old Englishman could be right (5)
14 Their work is certainly a grind (7)
16 Eaten up as ten different titbits (7)
18 A Spanish hero's likely to be sharp (5)
19 Produce a change of diet (4)
21 She'll put her money on an old sailor (9)
22 To be fastidious, put out the tin during the day (6)
23 Do they haunt the bar? (6)
24 Encouraging lays? (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

- 1 Foreshadowed an empty decanter? (9)
2 Pale plant has appeal (9)
3 Appropriate wear at the card table (5)
5 First lady has the right - always (4)
6 Former Prime Minister emerged from the battle, entirely unruffled (6)
7 Gnarled fingers lock among the shades (6)
9 Crazy to put the chap in charge (5)
11 The songster has the right to put in a dirty bid (9)
12 CID are up at the end to wipe out (9)
15 Likely to scratch? (5)
16 Tout one's wares - on foot? (6)
17 First class fish not in prime condition (6)
20 Overflow the eastern incline (5)
21 Shock could be the finish of 16 across (4)

	1		2		3		4	5		6		7
8												
							9					
10												
										11	12	
13							14					
					15							
16		17							18			
19							20					
					21							
22												
							23					
24												

Scribble space

Last week's solutions

5	8	2	7	3	4	6	1	9
9	6	3	2	5	1	7	4	8
4	7	1	9	8	6	2	5	3
6	9	4	1	7	5	3	8	2
3	1	8	4	9	2	5	6	7
7	2	5	8	6	3	4	9	1
2	4	6	3	1	8	9	7	5
8	5	7	6	2	9	1	3	4
1	3	9	5	4	7	8	2	6

5	6	3	1	7	9	4	8	2
1	7	4	2	8	3	6	9	5
9	8	2	6	4	5	3	1	7
2	3	8	5	9	6	1	7	4
7	1	6	3	2	4	9	5	8
4	5	9	7	1	8	2	6	3
6	2	1	8	3	7	5	4	9
3	4	7	9	5	1	8	2	6
8	9	5	4	6	2	7	3	1

7	4	2	3	8	5	6	1	9
1	5	8	9	6	2	4	3	7
6	9	3	1	4	7	8	5	2
3	8	1	2	7	9	5	6	4
9	7	4	8	5	6	1	2	3
2	6	5	4	1	3	7	9	8
5	1	9	7	2	8	3	4	6
8	3	6	5	9	4	2	7	1
4	2	7	6	3	1	9	8	5

Quick Crossword

Across: 1 Consolation 9 Ale 10 Announcer 11 Enrol
13 Linseed 14 Invade 16 Mystic 18 Torture 19 Realm
20 Ornaments 21 Tin 22 Reading room

Down: 2 Owe 3 Shawl 4 Lonely 5 Truancy 6 Orchestra
7 Malediction 7 Predicament 12 Reverence 15 Drummed
17 Pennon 19 Riser 21 Two

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Copperheads 9 Ice 10 Combative 11 Hides
13 Asunder 14 Novice 16 Depict 18 Wastrel 19 Radar
20 Leavening 21 Woe 22 Destination
Down: 2 Ode 3 Picks 4 Rumbas 5 Erasure 6 Drip-dried
7 Wishing well 8 Secretaries 12 Devastate 15 Correct
17 Albion 19 Right 21 Who

LEAFLETS & FLYERS!

DESIGNED, PRINTED & DELIVERED ANY AMOUNT, ANYWHERE

Call the Studio on 01235 516934 or email studio@taylornewspapers.co.uk for more information

**SOLUS
DELIVERY
CALL FOR
DETAILS**

Bringing the Countryside to Life!



25 & 26 May 2014, Highclere Castle

Always the second May Bank Holiday!



ISUZU



www.highclerecountryshow.co.uk

*When accompanied by a full paying adult.

GET £2 OFF YOUR ENTRY!

Simply fill out this form and present it to the ticket kiosk at the Highclere Country Show.*

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Tel/Mobile: _____

*Only one voucher per customer. Voucher can only be used once and cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer or promotion. Vouchers cannot be exchanged for cash and have a monetary value of £0.001. Countryman Fairs would like to contact you to promote and ask your opinion about our events. Please tick here if you wish not to hear from us ☐ Countryman Fairs may pass your details to carefully selected organisations and sponsors so they can contact you with regards to promoting and researching their products. Please tick here if you prefer not to be contacted ☐ Voucher will be void if copied, transferred, reproduced, sold or exchanged.


Cholsey & Wallingford Railway
4,5 May 2014

World War II Weekend

Take a ride back in time

 Display of Military Vehicles and the First
Berks. Home Guard Living History Group

**Live Jazz on board from 12:05
with the Sheila Salway Trio**

FREE Bouncy Castle Rides

For children under 10 with a ticket for the train

FREE Car parking at Wallingford Station

Train Departures

 Wallingford: 11.05 12.05 13.05 14.05 15.05 16.05
Cholsey: 11.35 12.35 13.35 14.35 15.35 16.35

 Visit our Museum
Gift Shop and Cafe


First Great Western

www.cholsey-wallingford-railway.com

01491 835067 (24hr.)

Tickets are issued subject to the Railway's published terms and conditions. While it is intended to operate as advertised, all services, events and fares may be altered due to prevailing circumstances. With or without notice.
Registered Charity No. 295279

 To advertise in the Basingstoke Observer call
01235 511700

A1 LOGS

Bramley Woodyard

 Supplying quality
hardwood since 1930

The Original Log Family

 For brilliant quality seasoned
hardwood logs phone the A1 team on

Daytime: 07831642237

Evening: 0118 9701830

www.a1logs.com

FREE Demonstrations
FREE Assessments
FREE Delivery

- Scooters
- Walkers
- Manual Wheelchairs
- Power Wheelchairs
- Risers / Recliners
- Stairlifts
- Continence / Toileting
- Eating & Drinking
- Kitchen & Household
- Service & Repairs
- Moving & Handling
- Wheelchair Accessories
- Paediatrics
- Pressure &
- Positioning Cushions
- Dressing & Comfort
- Ramps
- Insurance



Living Aids



Scooters



Walking Aids



Power Chairs



Wheelchairs


 Riser/Recliner
Chairs

 Unit E4 Grafton Way, West Ham Industrial Estate
Basingstoke, Hampshire RG22 6HY

Tel: 01256 335 900

southernmobility4@btinternet.com
www.southernmobilityservices.co.uk


Hampshire's Specialist Disability and Mobility Store

To enter this competition

Just send your answer along with your name, address and telephone number to competitions@basingstokeobserver.co.uk
Or on a postcard to Competitions, Basingstoke Observer, Newspaper House, 4A Hawksworth, Didcot, Oxfordshire OX11 7HR

WIN tickets Beaulieu Spring Autojumble!

Beaulieu events

Spring Autojumble

BACK for its 21st year, Beaulieu's popular Spring Autojumble will be taking place on the 17th and 18th May in the grounds of the world-famous National Motor Museum.

The 1,000 Autojumble spaces will be selling everything motor-related, including parts, automobilia, literature and accessories, while the Motormart on the Beaulieu Arena will have up to 200 vehicles for sale, ranging from concours classics to restorable relics. In the Dealmart there will be a selection of quality classic cars for sale.

2014 marks the 50th anniversary of the prestigious European Car of the Year title, and in celebration of this, a selection of some of the winning vehicles over the years will be forming a display in the event fields.

Show sponsors, Practical Classics, will be present at the event with a one-off practical demonstration - the restoration in one weekend of the world's first production Hillman Imp - along with a collection of magazine cars and previous restorations.

Sunday highlights include Old Sod-

Closing date:

Monday, May 12, 2014

bury's Land Rover Sortout, selling Land Rover and 4x4 parts and accessories, and Trunk Traders, with amateur autojumbler selling their surplus car bits from the back of their vehicles.

The popular Walkabout Auction will be taking place on Sunday afternoon with Practical Classics Editor, Danny Hopkins, as guest auctioneer. It offers an 'end of show' chance to buy and sell, giving exhibitors an opportunity to sell off surplus items of stock they don't want to take home with them. It's a simple and easy way of buying or selling those last bits from the show and there are no auction fees to pay.

Visitors to the event can also enjoy all the Beaulieu attractions, including the National Motor Museum, World of Top Gear, Palace House and Beaulieu Abbey.

Entry to the National Motor Museum is from 9am, with the event opening to visitors 10am - 5pm on Saturday and 10am - 4.30pm on Sunday.

For more information, visit www.beaulieuevents.co.uk

We have three pairs of tickets to give away to the Autojumble that include entry to the main Beaulieu attraction and to be in with a chance of winning a pair all you have to do is answer this simple question:

Q: Who is the editor of Practical Classics magazine?

To enter more competitions like this, go online to www.basingstokeobserver.co.uk

For full terms & conditions go to www.basingstokeobserver.co.uk/about-us



Basingstoke Valeting Centre



All types of vehicles cleaned
company accounts welcome

**CAR WASH
FROM £9.95**

- 4 Indoor drying and polishing bays
- Paint enhancement and protection Valets
- Fully insured for collection & delivery of your vehicle
- Protect your car with a BVC Hand Polish & Wax.
- Company accounts welcome
- Prices start from £9.95
- Now open Saturdays 9am-2pm

**10% off
pre booked
valets**
when you mention
this advert
T&C's Apply

Enjoy a complimentary Nespresso coffee and free wifi in our reception area, whilst waiting for your car to be valeted
We are situated first turning left after Basingstoke recycling centre off of Wade Rd.

@bvcltd
[facebook.com/basingstokevaleting](https://www.facebook.com/basingstokevaleting)
Monday to Friday 8:30am till 5pm Now open Saturdays 9am till 2pm
Established in Basingstoke for over 20 years



enquiries@bvcltd.com

01256 471485

Basingstoke Valeting Centre
The Beresford Centre, Wade Road
Basingstoke, RG24 8PL

www.basingstokevaleting.co.uk

FANTASTIC RAIL EXCURSIONS BY SPECIAL TRAIN FROM LOCAL STATIONS

EXPERIENCE TRAIN TRAVEL AS IT USED TO BE

RELAX ABOARD OUR HERITAGE CARRIAGES AND HAVE A GREAT DAY OUT!

Enjoy a Summer Day Out along the famous Settle & Carlisle Line

THE SCENIC SETTLER - Saturday 21 June

Join us for a day out featuring the spectacular Settle and Carlisle Line, along with an afternoon break in the border city of Carlisle. Our return journey takes us over Shap summit, skirts the eastern Lake District and then Morecombe Bay.

FARES	Adult	Junior	JOINING STATIONS	Depart	Return
Standard Class	£85	£43	Didcot Parkway	06:15	22:15
First Class Plus	£135	£105	Oxford	06:30	22:00
Premier Dining	£209	£179	Banbury	07:00	21:30



Take a relaxing Day Out through the hills of Mid-Wales

THE HEART OF WALES RAMBLER - Saturday 12 July

Come and enjoy a scenic journey along the Heart of Wales Line, a single rail track that meanders through the picturesque centre of Wales. We take an afternoon break in the Victorian spa town of Llandrindod Wells before heading homewards.

FARES	Adult	Junior	JOINING STATIONS	Depart	Return
Standard Class	£79	£39	Banbury	07:00	22:50
First Class Plus	£125	£95	Oxford	07:30	22:20
Premier Dining	£199	£169	Swindon	08:20	21:30

Your Choice of Reserved Seating:

Standard Class - features comfortable seating at tables for four aligned with panoramic carriage windows;

First Class Plus - features deep cushioned seating and light refreshments served through the day; or

Premier Dining - features deep cushioned seating, with silver service Full English Breakfast, 'Elevenses' & four course evening Dinner

Tables for two - with guaranteed window seats available at a supplement of £25 per person (*not Standard Class*)

♦ Booking Office open Monday to Friday 09:15 - 16:45 ♦ All bookings subject to terms & conditions, available on-line or by request ♦

♦ Licensed buffet available all day ♦ All timings subject to confirmation ♦ Prices are from all stations ♦



BOOK NOW!

Call 01453 834477 / 835414 www.pathfindertours.co.uk

Stag House Giddynap Lane Inchbrook Stroud GL5 5EZ

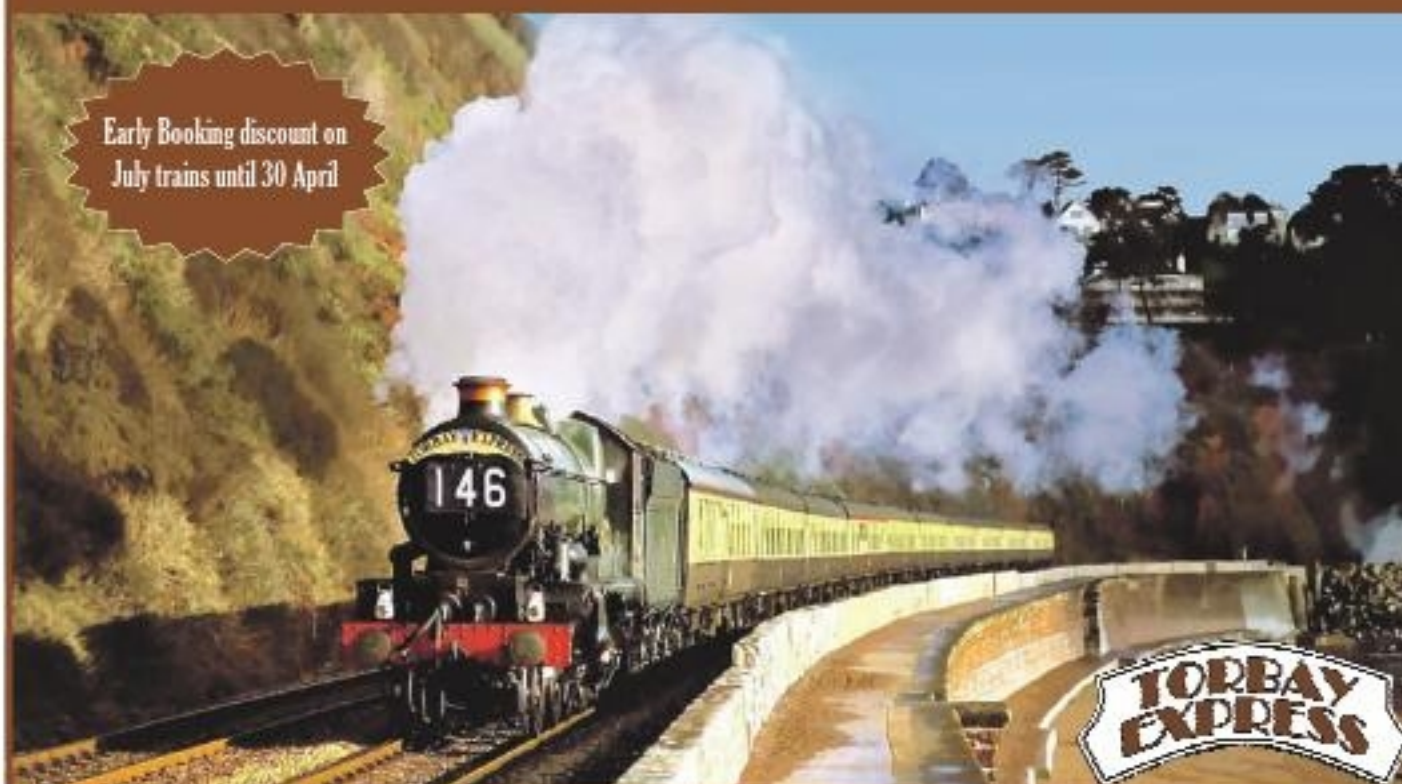


♦ Pathfinder Tours pride ourselves on the level of Customer Service we provide ♦

The Torbay Express

Sunday Steam Trains to the English Riviera: 6, 13* & 20 July, 3, 17 & 31 August, 7, 14* & 21 September

From Bristol Temple Meads, Weston-super-Mare and Taunton * Route via Bath Spa, Trowbridge, Westbury & Taunton (not W-s-M)



Take a trip down memory lane aboard **The Torbay Express**, with its heritage carriages and iconic steam locomotive. Travel along Brunel's Great Western Railway across Somerset, around the beautiful Devon coast, including the newly re-opened line at Dawlish, to seaside Paignton or on to Kingswear, where you can take the ferry to historic and picturesque Dartmouth.

Enjoy the views from our comfortable carriages and be looked after by our attentive and friendly staff

Premier Dining - includes silver service full English breakfast, and four course dinner **Adult - £215**

First Class - includes light refreshments **Adult - £139**

Standard Class - Family Ticket £250 (2 adults & 2 Juniors) **Junior - £55 Adult - £89**

Tables for Two with guaranteed window seats available at a supplement of £25 per person (*not Standard Class*)

Why not make a weekend of it with a discounted Hotel break in Bristol? - see website for details

© Licensed Buffet open all day © Bookings subject to terms & Conditions - available on request ©
© Discount available for harbour cruises aboard paddle steamer 'Kingswear Castle' when booked direct with operators ©
~ SPECIAL OFFER - Group Booking discount £20 off parties of four booked at the same time - Not Family Ticket ~

TO BOOK

Call: 01453 834477 / 835414 or visit www.torbayexpress.co.uk

Stag House, Giddynap Lane, Inchbrook, Stroud, GL5 5EZ

Gardening myths uncovered!

If you think ivy kills trees, watering scorches leaves and digging is always needed to control weeds, think again.

The Royal Horticultural Society is putting the record straight on a number of old wives' tales which have worked their way into the gardening psyche.

Here, Guy Barter, RHS chief horticultural adviser, busts open some of the most famous myths.

Myth - Ivy kills trees

Guy says: "Ivy is thought to seldom kill trees of itself, but the

By Hannah Stephenson

news@oxfordshireguardian.co.uk

presence of ivy indicates the very strong suspicion of root disease especially honey fungus doing serious harm to the host and allowing the ivy to flourish under the diminished canopy."

Myth - Wild flowers are easy.

Guy says: "Gardens are often just too rich and fertile for wild flowers so that the desirable flowers fade away and rampant grasses take over. Mixes of annual flowers that resemble wild flowers on the other hand are easy and highly beneficial to many insects and a wiser choice for fertile gardens

Myth - Water drops on leaves cause burning from the sun's rays.

Guy says: "To focus sunlight, a water droplet needs to be above the leaf, and this can very occasionally happen with hairy-leaved plants (French beans for example) but in almost all cases scorching is not caused by wet leaves. Spraying leaves with pesticides or liquid fertiliser in sunny conditions can cause harm, however, as the water evaporates and the chemicals become concentrated, so can harm foliage."

Myth - Ground cover plants

save work.

Guy says: "Depending on the type of plant you use, ground cover plants can soon become so thick that laborious pruning and thinning is required. Sooner or later perennial weeds set up camp in ground cover and have to be winkled-out by hand as weedkillers and hoes cannot be used. Around trees and shrubs ground cover acts as a particularly pernicious 'weed' unless carefully controlled."

Myth - Digging is required to control weeds.

Guy says: "The main reason for digging weeds is control, as burial of weeds is highly effective. But if weeds are controlled by other means such as mulches, herbicides or shallow hoeing, digging can be dispensed with. The only fly in this ointment is that sometimes weed control by other means can take longer and be harder work than digging, so it is not necessarily true for every site."

Myth - Raised beds are best for growing crops.

Guy says: "Raised beds are a great idea for ill-drained clay soils in wet regions where they enhance drainage and make avoidance of compacting wet soil by trampling easier. But on other soils they enhance drainage to the point of drought (greatly increasing drought susceptibility) and impede flexibility in

cropping as sprawling plants are hard to include in a strict defined bed. Therefore gardeners may do a lot of hard work at considerable expense for fewer crops."

Myth - Moss is always a nuisance in gardens.

Guy says: "Moss is a sign that the soil is moist for prolonged periods. This happens when the soil is compacted, acidic or

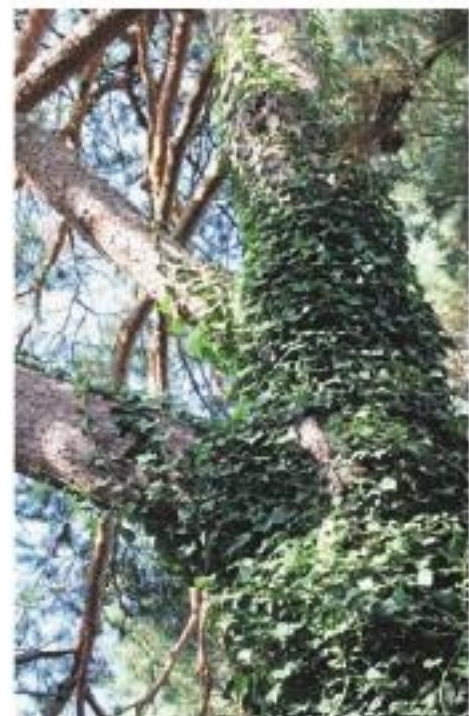
shaded. Moss has no roots and therefore cannot compete significantly with plant roots. In beds and borders it is a useful cover suppressing weed germination and limiting water loss. In lawns moss can indicate areas where perhaps grass should not be grown, under shade for example, where alternative plantings might be required. As moss cannot withstand treading, the presence of moss in lawns can indi-

cate a lack of traffic and suggest that as access is not required then alternatives to lawns can be sought."

Myth - Plants like being spoken to.

Guy says: "With neither ears nor language it seems improbable that the spoken word has much effect on plants, although it may be therapeutic to the chatting gardeners themselves!"

Wooden raised bed constructed from sleepers. Raised beds are a great idea for ill-drained clay soils in wet regions, but on other soils they enhance drainage to the point of drought. Pic: PA Photo/RHS/John Trenholm.



Ivy (Hedera helix) growing up the trunk of a pine tree. Ivy is thought to seldom kill trees of itself, but the presence of ivy indicates the very strong suspicion of root disease. Pic: PA Photo/RHS /Leigh Hunt



11am-12pm
Mon-Sat
12am-12pm Sun
7 days a
week

**18" Pizza, The
biggest pizza in
town only £9.99**
Go stuffed crust at
small extra cost

Free Local Delivery

Minimum order £10 for free delivery, Basingstoke only. A small extra charge for: Tadley, Kingsclere, Bramley, Hook, Odiham

Order online for a Free burger, original
garlic bread, curly fries or a portion of
potato wedges

PIZZA WORLD

Kebabs, Pizzas, Burgers & Chips
Buy one pizza* Get one free!

* Medium or large only...

www.pizzaworld.co.uk

Call 01256 322 222

Est 1987
CHARCOAL GRILL
KEBABS • BURGERS • CHICKEN AND CHIPS

Meal deals! Special offers available!

Order online for a FREE Burger

(minimum order £15)

Please quote Basingstoke Observer to receive this offer

01256 333411

3 Queens Parade, New Street, Basingstoke, RG21 7DA

Open 7 days a week
Mon-Sat 11am-11pm
Sun 12am-11pm

Free Home Delivery

Delivery Hours

Mon To Sat: 11am-11pm

Sunday: 12PM - 11pm

Delivery Time 30-40 Minutes

Minimum Order £10 in Basingstoke



By AIR from Gatwick airport

European Holidays by Air

Diano Marina & the Riviera of Flowers



Saturday departures, 7 June and 6 September 2014

From Gatwick airport

Imagine a backdrop of hills clad in olive groves and pine, lemon and orange trees leading down to picturesque coves, splendid beaches, and the hinterland blazing with the exotic flowering blooms from which the Italian Riviera of Flowers gets its name... savour delightful Diano Marina on this great-value holiday with a quality hotel and two fully-escorted excursions.

Price includes:

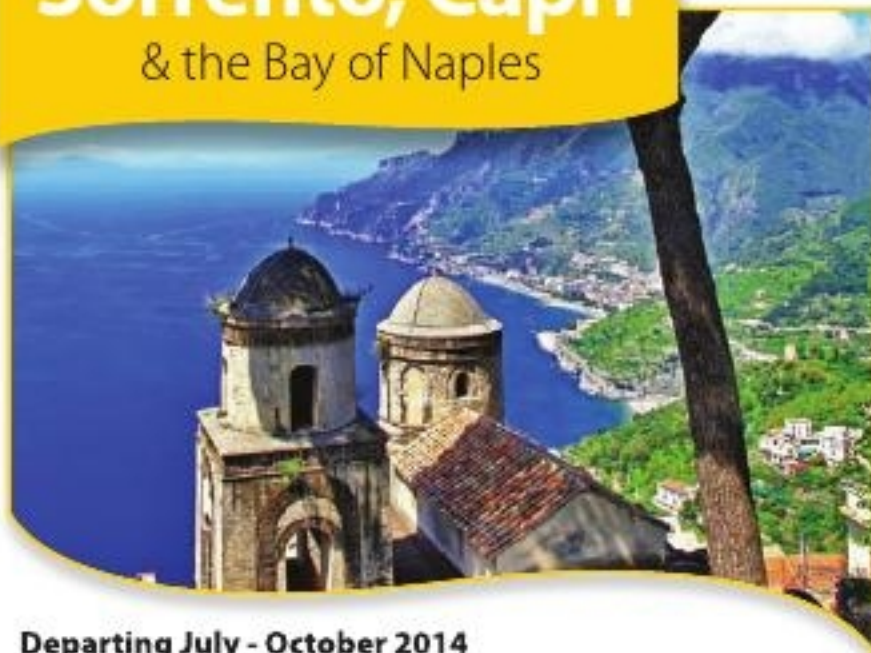
- Return flight from Gatwick airport to Nice†
- Airport taxes and return transfer from the airport to your hotel
- 7 nights stay at the 3 star Hotel Piccolo Diano Marina with dinner & breakfast
- An upgrade to the 4 star Hotel Metropol, Diano Marina is offered, subject to availability, at a supplement.
- Includes 2 full day excursions; to Santa Margherita & Portofino and Monaco & Monte Carlo

Includes
Escorted Excursions

8 days by AIR, from
£819pp

Price is based upon departure from Gatwick airport on 6/9/14

Sorrento, Capri & the Bay of Naples



Departing July - October 2014

From Gatwick airport

This is a dream of a break among the cliffs, lemon-orchards, olive-groves and turquoise waters of Italy's favourite bay. We invite you to discover the beautiful medieval city of Sorrento, which overlooks the magical waters of the Bay of Naples, allowing panoramic views of the city of Naples, the lovely islands of Capri and Ischia, and the awe-inspiring Mount Vesuvius.

Price includes:

- Return flight from Gatwick airport to Naples†
- Airport taxes and return transfer from the airport to your hotel
- 7 nights stay at the 4 star Hotel Delle Palme, Sant'Agata sui due Golfi with 3 course evening meal and breakfast
- Three full-day escorted excursions; to the Island of Capri, to Pompeii & Vesuvius, and the Amalfi Drive

Includes
Escorted Excursions

8 days by AIR, from
£759pp

Price is based upon departure from Gatwick airport on 29/9/14

Summer in the Austrian Mountains



Wednesday departures, July - August 2014

From Gatwick airport

Mountain pine air you could bottle and sell, glacier fresh beer, scented meadows, a history of music and mad kings, houses painted as optical illusions – discover alpine Austria with this Omega 8 day break including flights, 4 star hotel, dinner, breakfast and full day excursions.

Price includes:

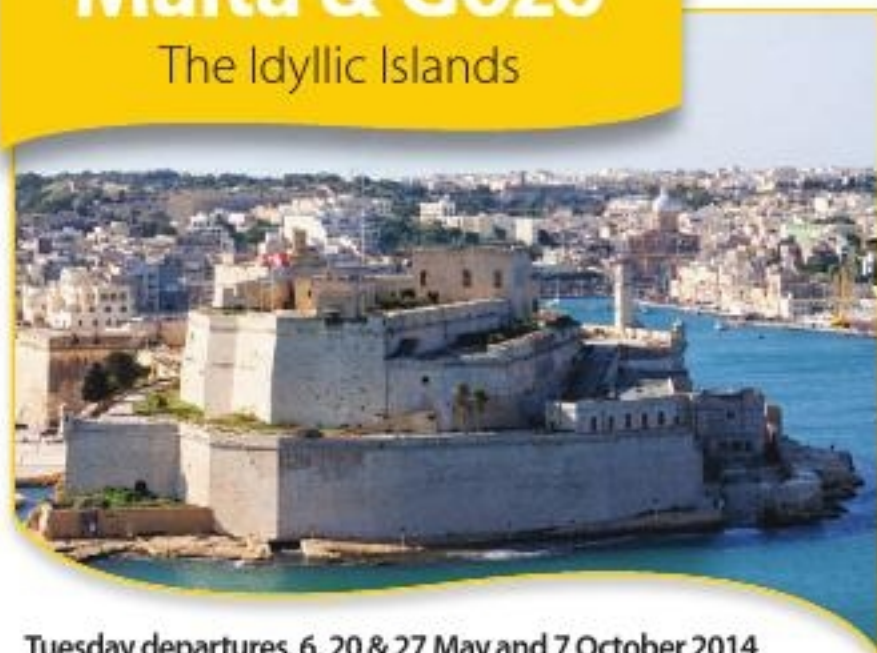
- Return flight from Gatwick airport to Basel†
- Airport taxes and return transfer from Basel airport to your hotel
- 7 nights stay at the 4 star Sport Hotel, St Anton am Arlberg with breakfast and evening meal
- Full day excursion to Oberammergau
- Full day excursion to Lake Constance and Lindau (inc boat trip)
- Half day on scenic high mountain Silvretta highway visiting Schruns and Ischgl

Includes
Escorted Excursions

8 days by AIR, from
£659pp

Price is based upon departure from Gatwick airport on 16/7/14

Malta & Gozo The Idyllic Islands



Tuesday departures, 6, 20 & 27 May and 7 October 2014

From Gatwick airport

Set in the heart of the Mediterranean, the idyllic island of Malta has been described as one big open-air museum, with so much of its past being visible today including ancient temples and palaces, the world's oldest surviving free standing stone structures and red telephone boxes! A cultural gem bursting with a rich, diverse heritage, stunning scenery, great cuisine and an endearing charm.

Price includes:

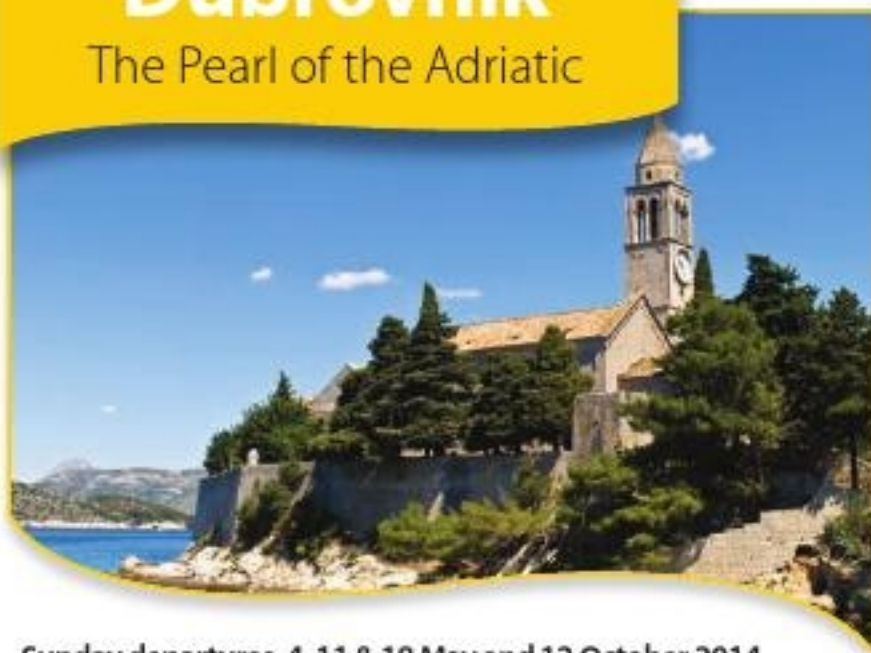
- Return flight from Gatwick airport to Malta†
- Airport taxes and return transfer from the airport to your hotel
- 7 nights stay at the 4 star Park Hotel, Sliema with dinner & breakfast
- An included excursion to Gozo
- A visit to Valletta including admission to The Malta Experience
- Includes a full day excursion; to The Three Cities; Cospicua, Senglea & Vittoriosa

Includes
Escorted Excursions

8 days by AIR, from
£749pp

Price is based upon departure from Gatwick airport on 6/5/14

Dubrovnik The Pearl of the Adriatic



Sunday departures, 4, 11 & 18 May and 12 October 2014

From Gatwick airport

The magnificent old walled city of Dubrovnik is steeped in historical, architectural and artistic treasures boasting spectacular Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque churches, monasteries, palaces and fountains. Set against a backdrop of wooded hillsides and with stunning views of the Dalmatian coastline, it is easy to see why George Bernard Shaw thought idyllic Dubrovnik was quite simply "Paradise on Earth".

Price includes:

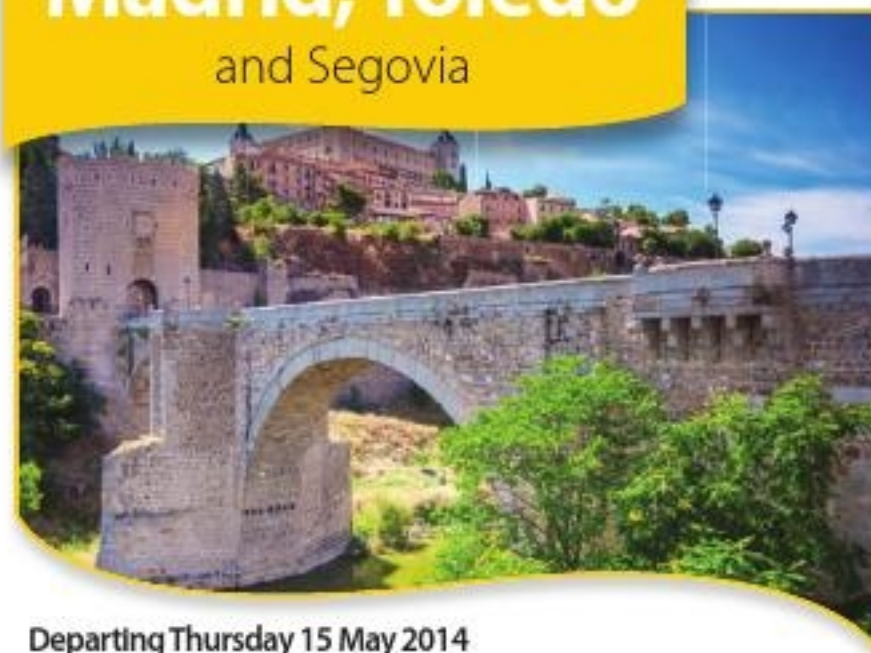
- Return flight from Gatwick airport to Dubrovnik†
- Airport taxes and return transfer from the airport to your hotel
- 7 nights stay at the 4 star Grand Hotel Park, Dubrovnik with dinner & breakfast
- Includes 2 full day excursions; to the island of Korčula and a cruise around the Elaphite Islands

Includes
Escorted Excursions

8 days by AIR, from
£749pp

Price is based upon departure from Gatwick airport on 11/5/14

Madrid, Toledo and Segovia



Departing Thursday 15 May 2014

From Gatwick airport

Discover a warm welcome in magnificent Madrid with its wonderful collections of art, stunning architecture and impeccable parks and gardens. Add to the mix a feast of fine eateries and you have a holiday to remember!

Price includes:

- Return flight from Gatwick airport to Madrid†
- Airport taxes and return transfer from the airport to your hotel
- 5 nights stay at the 3 star Hotel Gaias, Madrid, with breakfast
- Three buffet dinners
- Included panoramic coach tour and a guided walking tour of the historical centre of Madrid
- Included excursions to Toledo and Segovia
- Free time in Madrid

Includes
Escorted Excursions

6 days by AIR, from
£659pp

Price is based upon departure from Gatwick airport on 15/5/14

For more information or to book, please call:
01524 37500 quote BOB
 or visit: www.basingstokeobserver.reader.travel

OPENING TIMES:
 MON-FRI 8.30-19.30
 SAT 8.45-15.30
 SUN 10.00-15.00

Organised by Omega Holidays. ABTA 14782. ATOL Protected 6081. Single supplements apply. Subject to availability.

†We have included a reasonable budget for your flights. Should the cost of these fall below or rise above this amount we will amend the holiday cost to reflect these changes and therefore the price may increase or decrease accordingly. The final price will be confirmed at the time of booking. The advertised price is correct as of 18/2/14.

Martons



May

Saturday 3rd May
Lymington Market and the New Forest
£ PRICE BUSTER
 Route 'C' - Adult & OAP £15.00 - Child £7.50

Saturday 17th May
Weymouth
 Route 'C' - Adult & OAP £20.00 - Child £13.50

Saturday 31st May
The Thames Traveller **£ PRICE BUSTER**
 Route 'A' - Adult & OAP £15.00 - Child £7.50

June

Tuesday 3rd June
Brighton **£ PRICE BUSTER**
 Route 'C' - Adult & OAP £15.00 - Child £7.50

Thursday 5th June
Bournemouth **£ PRICE BUSTER**
 Route 'C' - Adult & OAP £15.00 - Child £7.50

Sunday 15th June
Swansea and the 21st Festival of Transport on Father's Day
 Route 'A' - Adult & OAP £22.50 - Child £15.00

Saturday 28th June
Sanders Garden World & Burnham-on-Sea
 Route 'A' - Adult & OAP £20.00 - Child £13.50

July

Saturday 12th July
Aylesbury and The Vale, The Dunstable Downs and The Great Train Robbery **£ PRICE BUSTER**
 Route 'A' - Adult & OAP £15.00 - Child £7.50

Sunday 27th July
Bognor or Butlins **£ PRICE BUSTER**
 Route 'C' - Adult & OAP £15.00 - Child £7.50

Tuesday 29th July
Cutty Sark and Greenwich Park
£ PRICE BUSTER
 Route 'C' - Adult & OAP £15.00 - Child £7.50

Thursday 31st July
Oxford or Blenheim Palace **£ PRICE BUSTER**
 Route 'A' - Adult & OAP £15.00 - Child £7.50

August

Saturday 2nd August
The Kentish Klipper - Sevenoaks and Royal Tunbridge Wells
 Route 'C' - Adult & OAP £20.00 - Child £13.50

Tuesday 5th August
Gosport Market & Lee-on-the-Solent
£ PRICE BUSTER
 Route 'C' - Adult & OAP £15.00 - Child £7.50

Thursday 7th August
Mystery Seaside Excursion **£ PRICE BUSTER**
 Route 'C' - Adult & OAP £15.00 - Child £7.50

Tuesday 12th August
Stewarts Garden Centre and Christchurch
£ PRICE BUSTER
 Route 'C' - Adult & OAP £15.00 - Child £7.50

Thursday 14th August
Hampton Court Palace or Kingston-upon-Thames **£ PRICE BUSTER**
 Route 'C' - Adult & OAP £15.00 - Child £7.50

Saturday 16th August
Eastbourne including Air Show
 Route 'C' - Adult & OAP £20.00 - Child £13.50

Tuesday 19th August
Portsmouth World War One Commemorative Event or Southsea **£ PRICE BUSTER**
 Route 'C' - Adult & OAP £15.00 - Child £7.50

Thursday 21st August
Corfe Castle and Swanage **£ PRICE BUSTER**
 Route 'C' - Adult & OAP £15.00 - Child £7.50

Wednesday 27th August
Ringwood Market and Romsey **£ PRICE BUSTER**
 Route 'C' - Adult & OAP £15.00 - Child £7.50

Sunday 31st August
Bournemouth including Air Show
£ PRICE BUSTER
 Route 'C' - Adult & OAP £15.00 - Child £7.50
 September
 Saturday 13th September
The Fosse Way Flyer
 Route 'A' - Adult & OAP £22.50 - Child £15.00

Saturday 27th September
Wimborne Market and Poole Quay
£ PRICE BUSTER
 Route 'C' - Adult & OAP £15.00 - Child £7.50

October

Saturday 11th October
Warwick Castle and Stratford-upon-Avon
 Route 'A' - Adult & OAP £20.00 - Child £15.00

Saturday 25th October
Lymington and New Forest Drive
£ PRICE BUSTER
 Route 'C' - Adult & OAP £15.00 - Child £7.50

Tuesday 28th October
Mystery Tour **£ PRICE BUSTER**
 Route 'A' - Adult & OAP £15.00 - Child £7.50

Thursday 30th October
Notcutts Garden Centre and Guildford
£ PRICE BUSTER
 Route 'C' - Adult & OAP £15.00 - Child £7.50

November

Saturday 8th November
Westfield Christmas Shopping **£ PRICE BUSTER**
 Route 'C' - Adult & OAP £15.00 - Child £7.50

Saturday 22nd November
Christmas in London (including Winter Wonderland - Hyde Park) **£ PRICE BUSTER**
 Route 'C' - Adult & OAP £15.00 - Child £7.50

Saturday 29th November
Bath Christmas Market
 Route 'C' - Adult & OAP £20.00 - Child £13.50

December

Saturday 6th December
Brugge Christmas Market
 Please remember your passport! (Price includes return Eurotunnel crossings)
 Route 'X' - £42.50 per person - (no child reduction)

Sunday 14th December
London Christmas Shopping and Lights
£ PRICE BUSTER
 Route 'B' - Adult & OAP £15.00 - Child £7.50

Excursion bookings can be made at:

Toucan Travel Ltd. Unit 18, Chineham Shopping Centre, Basingstoke.
 (Debit and credit cards accepted)
 Tel: 01256 356631

Toucan Travel Ltd. 18a Mulfords Hill, Tadley.
 (Debit and credit cards accepted)
 Tel: 0118 981 3238

Shopmobility, Church Street, Basingstoke, RG21 7QQ
 (Cash or Cheques only)
 Tel: 01256 476066

Auto Weekly

Keeping you motoring for over 30 years

TOPGEAR
www.topgear.co.uk

FASTFIT
SERVICE CENTRE LTD

ALL MOTS £30.00

01256 321800

Fastfit Service Centre Ltd.
Unit One, Moniton Trading Estate, Westham Lane, Basingstoke RG22 5EE
www.fastfitservicecentre.com matt@fastfitservicecentre.com

One fifth of those polled in South East think condition of roads is 'dangerous' Roads classed as being 'poor'

POTHLES have been top of the agenda following the Government announcement last week that councils could bid for £168million to repair roads.

And a new survey showed drivers needing to repair their vehicles because of pothole damage face an average bill of £165.

The study, by research firm Viewsbank, found 51 per cent of drivers class their local roads as being in a poor condition.

Of those, 14 per cent counted the road conditions as dangerous.

The poll of 2,004 drivers was carried out in February – one month before Chancellor George Osborne announced £200m of the Government's budget would go towards filling in the country's potholes.

David Black, from Viewsbank, said: "It is shocking that nearly two out of three motorists are unhappy about the state of local roads and even more worrying that six per cent of people have had an accident because of potholes.

"The Chancellor has recognised the need to spend on road repairs and has

By **Katriona Ormiston**

katriona@taylornewspapers.co.uk

committed to increase spending but potholes are clearly still a major issue and motorists believe little is being done to solve the problem."

On average, drivers in south east England classed their local roads as being in the worst condition – 51 per cent rating them poor and 20 per cent considering them dangerous.

Londoners seemed happiest with their local roads, with only 37 per cent counting them as poor.

The area where drivers considered the roads were the safest was north west England with only eight per cent deeming them dangerous.

Last week David Cameron announced that from that £200m allocated in the Budget, local authorities can now apply for a share £168m until May 22.

Viewsbank is owned and operated by Consumer Intelligence – an independent research company running since 2003.



• Drivers in the South East classed their roads as the worst in the country



Driver and Vehicle
Licensing Agency

End of the road for your vehicle?

Responsible drivers scrap their vehicles at an
Authorised Treatment Facility (ATF).

Because only an ATF can legally scrap a vehicle.

That means any pollutants will be made safe before it's recycled in an environmentally friendly way.

What's more, for certain types of vehicle you'll get a DVLA approved Certificate of Destruction (CoD). A CoD proves the ATF has told DVLA your vehicle has been scrapped and is no longer your responsibility. www.direct.gov.uk/motoring

ALSO BREAKING
500 CARS ALL
PARTS AVAILABLE

BERR

UP TO **£400**
PAID FOR
SCRAP CARS
CALL FOR THE
BEST PRICE

PVVR

VEHICLE RECYCLING SPECIALISTS

0118 971 4417 WWW.PVR.UK.COM MOB: 07979 511495

WRAYS FARM, RAG HILL, ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE RG7 4NY

Environment Agency Licensed Site Number: WML 86211



**FREE
COLLECTION**

LIFE DESIGNED

RENAULT CLIO DYNAMIQUE MEDIANAV

£159 per month and £1250 deposit contribution*



NEW RENAULT CAPTUR DYNAMIQUE MEDIANAV

£169 per month and £1250 deposit contribution*



RENAULT CLIO DYNAMIQUE MEDIANAV

Representative example

48 monthly payments of	£159
Customer deposit	£1240
On the road price	£13,195
Dealer deposit contribution	£1250
Total amount to be financed	£10,705
Finance facility fee	£99
Optional final payment	£5008
Option to purchase fee	£149
Total amount payable by customer	£14,378
Duration (months)	49
Rate of interest (fixed) per annum	6.12%
6.9% APR representative	

WHEN ORDERED BY 31 MAY



MARTINS
LONDON ROAD, HATCH, BASINGSTOKE RG24 7NZ
TEL 01256 867020
WWW.MARTINS.UK.COM/RENAULT



BOOK A TEST DRIVE

The official fuel consumption figures in mpg (l/100km) for the Renault Clio Dynamique MediaNav 1.2 16V 75 and Renault Captur Dynamique MediaNav TCe 90 S&S shown are: Urban 40.4 (7)–47 (6); Extra Urban 60.1 (4.7)–64.02 (4.4); Combined 51.4 (5.5)–56.49 (5). The official CO₂ emissions are 127–115g/km. EU Directive and Regulation 692/2008 test environment figures. Fuel consumption and CO₂ may vary with driving styles, road conditions and other factors.

*Terms and exclusions apply. 4+ package available to non-business customers on new Renault vehicles. Warranty 4 years/100,000 miles and routine servicing 4 years/48,000 miles (whichever comes first). Servicing package available to Renault Selections customers only; alternatively can be purchased for just £299 (price shown valid when purchased by 31 July 2014). Visit renault.co.uk/4plus for full details. Finance provided by RCI Financial Services Limited, PO Box 149, Watford WD17 1FJ. Subject to status. Guarantees and indemnities may be required. You must be at least 18 and a UK resident (excluding the Isle of Man and Channel Islands). Offer based on 6000 miles pa, excess mileage 5p per mile inc VAT. Terms and conditions apply.

*£1250 deposit contribution is available to new Renault Finance customers when taking Renault Finance on a new Renault Clio or Captur (excluding Clio Expression+ and Renaultsport). Offers cannot be used with other schemes or finance offers and are available on specified new vehicles when ordered between 1 and 31 May and registered by 30 June 2014. Clio shown has optional metallic paint, available at an additional £595. Captur shown has optional i.d. metallic paint at £495 and painted roof at £300.



FAST FIT SERVICE CENTRE



Your questions answered

Q Do you drive a car under three years old and think you have to service it at a main dealer to qualify for warranty?

A: We use only genuine manufacturer's parts and stamp your service book to ensure your manufacturer's warranty is upheld.

Q Does your car need an MOT but you are not sure if certain areas need attention?

A: Why not book your car in for a service at our fiercely competitive rates and we can ensure that the vehicle is fully compliant for MOT standards.

Q Are you looking for quality car repairs and servicing with the emphasis on SERVICE?

A: Fastfit Service Centre, Basingstoke, offer FREE local collection and delivery or a FREE game of Pool while you wait.

Q Why not book your car in for ECU Remapping & benefit from better mpg, more torque & more bhp?

A: Call Basingstoke (01256) 321800

Call Fastfit Service Centre, Basingstoke, NOW and let us take the worry out of your car maintenance for ever!

Taking care of your motor

FASTFIT Service Centre is celebrating its tenth anniversary at Unit One, Moniton Trading Estate in West Ham Lane.

And the independent automotive specialist is proud to be expanding in a bid to give its customers exactly what they want. "Everything your car needs is here under one roof", explained manager Byron Lewis who, like his team of experts, has spent a lifetime in the automotive industry.

He added: At Fastfit we offer hourly rates which are some of the best in Basingstoke. No job is beyond us and we are quite simply a one-stop shop and more besides. Whether it's an entire engine overhaul or just tweaking the brakes, we will do it, and do it well."

The business is continually expanding and includes a new mobile tyre fitting and home start service. A comprehensive diagnostic service can also be provided and the business issues many dealer level tools ranging

from Ford, Jaguar to Land Rover and Volkswagen.

Fastfit offers everything from MOTs and minor servicing to major repairs and complex engine work.

More complex issues include an Engine Control Unit (ECU) remapping service which makes the vehicle more responsive and smoother to driver. In these tough times, it also slightly increases the miles-per-gallon!

Fastfit Service Centre also stocks a range of budget or performance tyres and it can also custom build stainless steel exhaust systems.

"Come and give us a try. You won't be disappointed," concluded Byron.



What our customers think

• My car had been taken to three different repair centres which was suffering from low power none of them diagnosed the problem. I took it to these guys for a remap and full exhaust in the hopes it would fix it. It was better but Byron still thought it wasn't right so spent another couple of hours diagnosing it!

He didn't charge me extra and even finished after they should of closed. You just don't get that kind of service these days. Amazing!

Cheers,
Clive Baldwin

• Great service from the whole of the Fast Fit team. They know what they are talking about and are happy to help with any query.

I wanted something activated on my car that was not activated at the factory. A dealer wanted upwards of £100 to do the job, I contacted Fast Fit and they have the same Dealer Software. Done the job quick and for a third of the price!

These guys definitely know what they're talking about and I would recommend them to anyone!

Chris H
• Excellent service! Very polite and great value for money prices! I will recommend to friends and family. If you need your car repaired at the right price don't look any further.

Hopkins
source: Yell

Look at our Opening Times!

Mon to Fri: 7am - 8pm, Sat: 8am - 1pm

EVERYTHING YOUR CAR NEEDS... ALL UNDER ONE ROOF!



LONGLIFE STAINLESS STEEL EXHAUSTS

- Alloy Wheels
- Stainless Steel Exhausts
- Wheel Refurbishment
- Sports Suspension and Lowering
- ECU Remapping
- Performance Air Filters
- Cobra Seats
- Smart Repair
- Performance Tuning



OPTIMISE YOUR ENGINES PERFORMANCE SAVE 20%

GET MORE - BHP - TORQUE - MPG

10% Stainless Steel off Exhausts

Discount only available with this voucher

LONGLIFE STAINLESS STEEL EXHAUSTS

Basingstoke
01256
321800



- MOT's
- Servicing
- Tyres
- Brakes
- Laser Tracking
- Air Conditioning
- Clutches
- Cambelts
- All Major Repairs Undertaken

Nitrogen Refill

Maintains tyre pressure, Improves fuel economy, Better handling, Increases life of tyre, Reduces carbon footprint!



All MOT's £30*

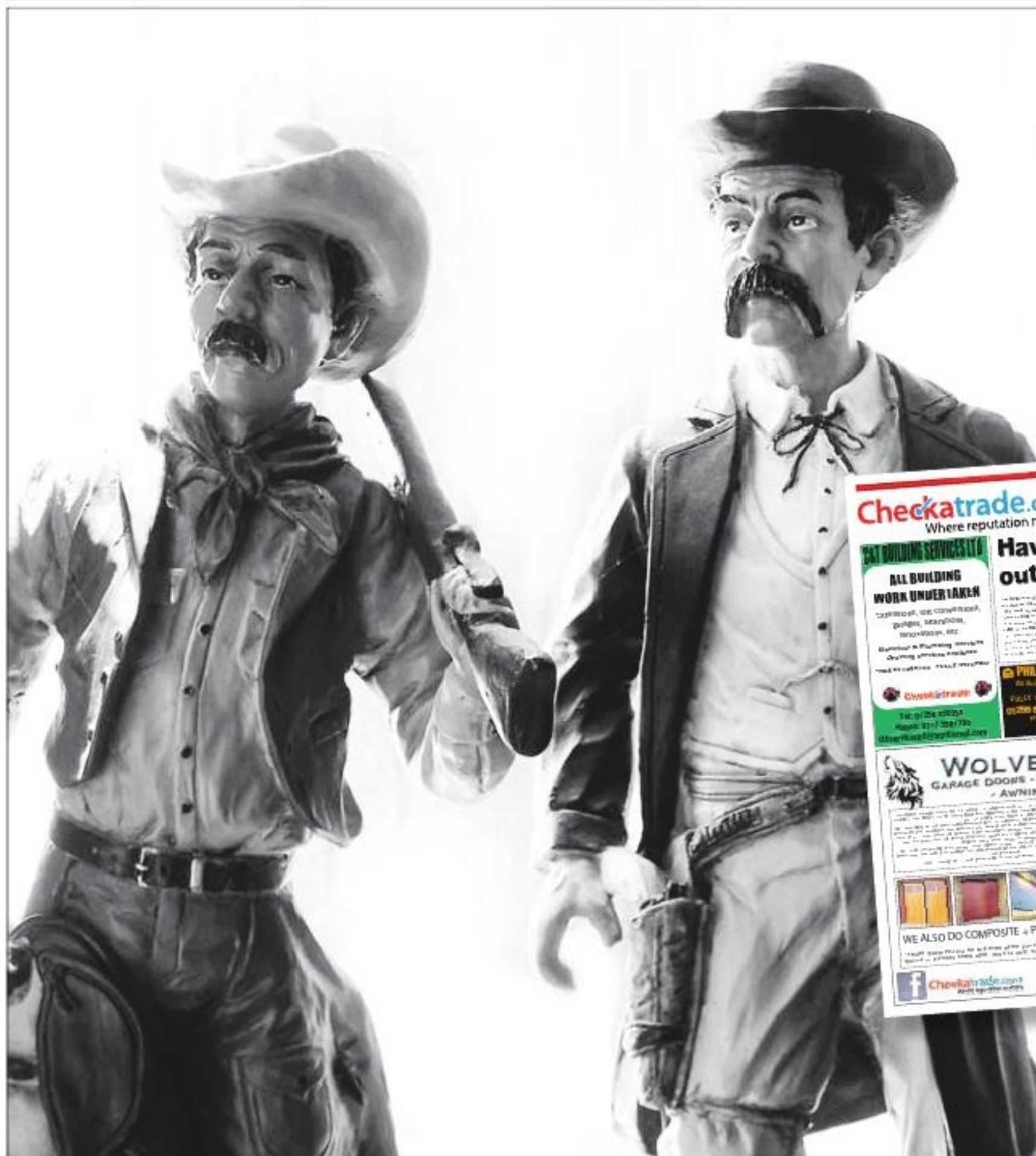
Discount on servicing.
Discount on labour rates

All discounts on production of this voucher prior to work commencing (Retail customers only). Discounts not applicable to special offers and already discounted products.

* No retest fee if repair work is carried out with us

Discount only available with this voucher. Basingstoke 01256 321800

POP IN FOR A FREE NO OBLIGATION WHEEL BALANCING & BRAKE CHECK!



Avoid the cowboys!

Be sure to use recommended tradesmen like those who advertise in our regular Check-a-trade features

If you would like to advertise in the next Basingstoke Observer Check-a-trade feature please contact Oily on 01235 516924 for more information

AutoWeekly

To advertise in the Motor Services section, call 01235 511700

Pro-tech
THE Mercedes Benz Independent specialist.

Mercedes Benz expertise at a fraction of the cost

Our Mercedes Benz trained technicians work to the highest standard so you can trust us to do a great job. And, we're a member of the Good Garage Scheme – so we always have your best-interest at heart.

Our services include:

- Repairs • Servicing • Diagnostics
- Computerised 4-wheel alignment
- Mercedes and OE parts
- Loan cars available

And, of course...
A friendly service!

For some great testimonials from our clients, please search for Pro-tech on...
www.goodgaragescheme.com

Call us on 01635 299811
or email- info@pro-tech.org.uk
and visit our website - www.pro-tech.org.uk

Pro-Tech, Units 10-12, Orchard Business Park,
Kingsclere, Newbury, Berkshire RG20 4SY

Want more news?

BasingstokeObserver.co.uk

News | Sport | Competitions

MOTOR CODES
Peace of mind for motorists

TLC Autocentres
MOT - SERVICES - REPAIRS

Claim £5 off your MOT with this advert *

- Family run business
- All Makes and Models serviced and repaired
- American, Classic and High performance cars
- Courtesy cars available*
- Free collection and delivery*



Unit 1 The Enterprise Centre, Monitron Trading Estate
Basingstoke RG22 6NQ
service@tlc-autocentres.com
01256 350350
www.tlcautocentres.com



Find us on Facebook

Follow us on Twitter

*usual MOT price £35 price with advert £30 & T&Cs apply contact us or visit our website for more info

MOT £24.95

ON PRODUCTION OF THIS VOUCHER

BASINGSTOKE MOT & SERVICING CENTRE LTD

- Full and Interim Services
- Tyres and Exhausts
- Brakes
- Clutches
- Diagnostics
- Welding
- Gear boxes
- Air Conditioning
- All repair work



Tel 01256 321 012

www.mot-basingstoke.co.uk

Unit 1 Marlborough Mews, Crockford Lane, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG24 8NA

OAKLEY CAR BODY REPAIRS

Est. 1989



BEST PRICES AROUND!

INSURANCE APPROVED SPECIALISTS

- Colour Match Specialists
- Same Day Service on Small Repairs
- Spray Booth Facilities
- Discounts for OAP's
- Quality Guaranteed

10% OFF with this advert

01256 782647

AutoWeekly

To advertise in the Motor Services section, call 01235 511700

or email autoweekly@basingstokeobserver.co.uk

Motor Services

HARTLEY WINTNEY GARAGE

MOT & SERVICE CENTRE

Unit 1 Winkworth Business Park,
London Road, Hartley Wintney,
Hants RG27 8WP

www.hartleywintneygarage.co.uk

SERVICE & MOT
01252 845033

BODYSHOP
01252 849711

- MOT £35.00
- Air Con Service £40.00
- Service and Repair to all makes
- Body Repairs and Paintwork
- Cam Belt Specialist
- Dealer level diagnostics for Land Rover, BMW, Mini, Volkswagen, Audi, Skoda, Seat, Peugeot, Citroen, Renault, Porsche & Volvo
- 2 + 4 wheel laser alignment
- FREE MOT RE-TEST

Checkatrade.com
Where reputation matters

CARS URGENTLY WANTED TOP CASH PAID

M & K AUTOS, BASINGSTOKE

Your local buyer based in Kempshott

Trading in your car or just need

An Instant Cash Sale? Call us First

- Sports and Prestige Cars a Speciality
- All ex-company cars and vans
- For a fast, friendly professional service please call Keith Lovelock on Basingstoke (01256) 477838 or 07785 594429

M & K AUTOS, BASINGSTOKE

EA Autos

- ✓ Cars & Light Commercial
- ✓ Tyres & Exhausts
- ✓ Cambelt & Clutch Replacement
- ✓ Air Conditioning Servicing
- ✓ Mechanical Repairs
- ✓ Courtesy Vehicle Available
- ✓ Diagnostic Checks
- ✓ MOT Repairs & Welding
- ✓ Comprehensive Brake Service
- ✓ Servicing on all Makes & Models
- ✓ Free Local Collection & Delivery
- ✓ Open Saturday Mornings

£10 OFF On production of this voucher

MOTs - Class 4/5/7
Cars & Vans (up to 3500kg)
Minibuses (up to 16 seats)

0118 981 4999 www.eaautos.com
info@eaautos.net

Unit 21, Youngs Ind. Est, Paices Hill, Aldermaston, RG7 4PW Mobile: 07919 275 424

HALF PRICE MOT
WITH EVERY MAJOR SERVICE

AWE & POLICE
STAFF DISCOUNT

BLUE PETER GARAGE

"We are one of the largest independent family owned and run garages in Basingstoke"

- Servicing of all makes of vehicle
- MOT's Cars & Light Commercial
- MOT's Transit Size Vehicles/Motor Homes (Class 7)
- All MOT repairs carried out including welding
- Clutches • Exhausts • Tyres

AUTO CREW MOTOR INDUSTRY CODE OF PRACTICE
Service and Repair

Home of Quality and Service

www.bluepetergarage.com

Unit 6 Moniton Trading Estate, West Ham Lane, Basingstoke RG22 6NQ

01256 810707

service@bluepetergarage.com

SILCHESTER BODYSHOP

Complete Vehicle Body Repairs

High quality, low cost vehicle repairs
20 years experience with both public & trade

- Bumper scuffs to full resprays
- Alloy wheels refurbished
- Insurance work undertaken
- Plastic bumpers repaired
- Latest paints used
- All work guaranteed
- Colour coding
- Low bake oven
- Accident Repair

Based in Silchester, which is only 7 miles from Basingstoke and 2 minutes from Tadley
For FREE quote or or friendly no nonsense advice,
Please contact Richard Norris on:

01189 702259 or 07899 901923 Email: silchesterbodyshop@hotmail.co.uk

www.silchesterbodyshop.co.uk

Silchester Bodyshop, Soke Road, Silchester, Berks, RG7 2PB
(follow the lane to the side or wayside: opposite airport packaging)

MPC

Vehicle Servicing & Repairs

As a member of the Bosch Car Service network we work to a TSI approved standard which ensures your peace of mind when entrusting your car to us. At MPC we offer a very wide range of servicing and repairs for all makes and models.

- MOT test centre
- Air conditioning
- Mobile service
- Tyres & Brakes
- Brake Fluid services
- Clutches
- Batteries
- Exhausts
- Welding
- Recovery
- Suspension
- ECU remapping service
- All makes service and mechanical repairs
- Cam belts (from £110.00 inc)
- German car specialists VW, Audi, Seat, Skoda, Mercedes Benz, BMW, Porsche
- Bosch trained technicians
- Complimentary wash and Hoover
- Full diagnostic services
- Latest Porsche diagnostic equipment
- Latest 4 wheel alignment

Free collections and delivery service



01256 350902 / 07770 877825

www.mpcbasingstoke.com

10 Maple Court, Moniton Trading Estate, Westham Lane, Basingstoke RG22 6ND

£150 Minimum

OFFERED FOR ANY CARS, VANS, 4X4 ETC.

FREE COLLECTION ON ALL VEHICLES.

CASH BUYER - CAN CALL WITHIN 1 HOUR.

ALL DVLA PAPERWORK COMPLETED FULLY LICENCED.

Open 7 days 8am to 8pm
Evening & Weekend collections available
Call or Text

07818851499

Pro-Tech
Auto Specialists Ltd
Find us on facebook

Mention this advert for 10% discount on labour (T&Cs Apply)

- Servicing and Repairs of all makes & models
- Free Collection and Delivery
- MOT's arranged

Service & MOT £99 inc VAT
T&Cs apply

Annual Servicing £80 T & C Apply
Air Conditioning Service £45

Unit 10 Basingstoke Business Centre
01256 843909
www.protechbasingstoke.co.uk

Sell your car and make some cash
WE BUY ANY CAR
All makes & models!

£

Immediate payment available
Call today for a valuation

01256 351351
07788 515178

Harry Ross Trading Co Ltd
108-110a Roman Road,
Basingstoke, RG22 8HE
www.harryross.com

TURBOCHARGE YOUR BUSINESS

At Autoweekly we provide a comprehensive local guide to garage services. Why not put your business into pole position by advertising with us...

Call us now to advertise 01235 511700

To advertise in the Basingstoke Observer call 01235 511700

Observerclassifieds

To place a paid for advert

01235 511700

classifieds@basingstokeobserver.co.uk

basingstokeobserver.co.uk/advertise

Recruitment

Journalist Required

Taylor Newspapers is looking for a news reporter to work on its publications.

Applicants must be dynamic and motivated, with NCTJ-accreditation, 100wpm shorthand and excellent writing ability.

You must have superb communication skills, be able to develop and maintain your own contacts and have a great nose for news.

To apply, send a CV and covering letter to news editor James Booker at jamesb@taylornewspapers.co.uk

Taylor Newspapers Ltd

Courier services

A & M SERVICES

Freelance Courier
Same day collections - Deliveries
Next Day Deliveries
24 Hrs 7 Days a week
Nationwide & European

Last Minute Loads
From Small Package - Large Loads
One Pallet - Four Pallet Loads
Max Pay Load 1.2 Ton
Furniture Removals
House Clearance
Documentation Paperwork

Freelance Driver Hire
Class 1 C&E H.G.V. With 25 years experience
Block Bookings Available

Competative Prices
For a Free Quotation on Request
Please call Andy on 07887 906 255

All Work Fully Insured
Goods In Transit - Public Liability

Bath Repair

Bath Resurfacing & Repair Specialist

Over 20 years Experience
• Baths, Toilets, Sinks & Shower Trays
• In Situ Under A Day
• Damage & Chip Repairs
• Domestic & Commercial
• 5 Year Guarantee

07971 099 724
www.agbathspray.co.uk

FISHING reels. Mitchell 300A, Mitchell 300CE10 each or £15 for two. Tel: 01256 353579

GOLF clubs and bag for sale £20 Tel: 01256 353579

DOG guard to fit Landrover Freelander Mk1 £20 Tel: 01256 332307

ONELADYS winter coat. Nearly new. Dark brown. Real hide. Cleaned and dry Just £70 Size: large Tel: 07999494199

YOUTH'S bike. Good tyres, all works good. Blue and white just £30

ONE child's bike. Nearly new. Good tyres. Nice colour. 8-10 years old child. Just £25 Tel: 07999494199

MAHOGANY ornament stand 3'6" tall. Offers? Tel: 01256 850174

KINETIC TENS machine. new boxed £12. Babybiss wet dry rechargeable Ladyshave as new £8 Tel: 01256 363743

BRASS floor standing standard lampstand shades £12 the pair. Steering wheel lock £4 Tel: 01256 363743

For Sale

BEDSIDE table lamp. Blue £2 Tel: 07584479592

FACIAL sauna never used. Unwanted gift £5 Tel: 07584479592

LARGE turtle tea light holder. Holds one tea light candle. £3 Tel: 07584479592

2 garden chairs, reclining. removable green cushions. Never used. Moving reason for sale. £50 for two. Tel: 07584479592

LARGE cat or small dog carry basket. Cost £47 Sell for £30 no offers. Tel: 07584479592

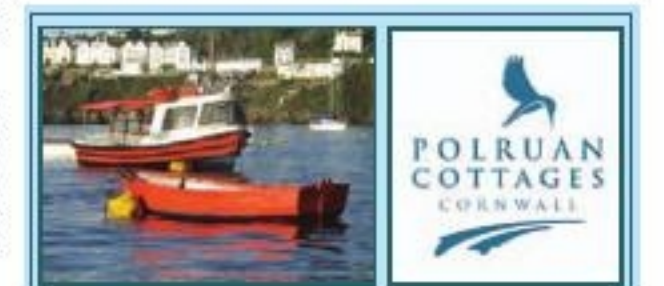
LIGHT Oak TV, HiFi, video. Cabinet. Two glass doors. 4 shelves £20 Tel: 07584479592

CORNER cabinet suitable for TV etc. Two glass cupboards. End shelves. On interior 45"x24"x20". Buyer collects £20 Tel: 01256 350843

APPROX 50 paperbacks. Science fiction, some of them quite old. All in good condition. £10 Tel: 01256 350843

TWO chrome optics. One six bottle, one four bottle. Good condition £10 each. Tel: 01256 350843

Holidays



Self Catering Cottages on the South Coast of Cornwall
Walking, Fishing, Sailing
polruancottages.co.uk

01726 870582

Artworkers Wanted

We are looking to expand our roster of freelance artworkers in our friendly but very busy newspaper production department.

The role would include:

- Laying out editorial pages + image correction
- Creating/amending ads from advertisers brief (usually quite straightforward, but some creative ads required)

Skills required:

- Good knowledge of: Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop
- Fast & accurate typing
- Ability to create technically correct press-ready files
- Ability to be calm and logical under pressure
- Work in an organised and structured manner
- Ability to work to very strict deadlines
- Work well in a team

To apply:

Email your CV, a covering letter and some examples of your work to peter@taylornewspapers.co.uk

Taylor Newspapers Ltd

For Sale

SQUARE 80cm Easter tablecloth. White background with pictures of bunnies etc. Scalloped edge £3 or near offer. Tel: 01256 356026

WHITE 4' square table cloth with yellow flowery stitching and yellow scalloped edge £3 ono please Tel: 01256 356026

Wanted

Record Players, Amplifiers, Reel to Reel Tape, Records 45's & LP's, Memorabilia, Posters etc

Please call 07720 704140

Holidays



Helwell Bay Holidays
Watchet Somerset

As seen on Channel 4
Kevin McCloud's Man Made Home

AMAZING LOW PRICE HOLIDAYS!!

Small select site overlooking the sea.
Steam railway runs alongside site.
Beautiful countryside walks.
A 'country holiday by the sea'.
Special half price deals for pensioners



www.helwellbay.com

01984 631781
phone for brochure and prices

Bournemouth



Coach Holidays

4 NIGHT BREAKS 2014

12 May - 16 May.....£142	15 Sep - 19 Sep.....£185
19 May - 23 May.....£145	22 Sep - 26 Sept.....£180
26 May - 30 May.....£145	29 Sept - 3 Oct.....£155
2 June - 6 June.....£160	6 Oct - 10 Oct.....£155
1 Sep - 5 Sep.....£195	13 Oct - 17 Oct.....£155
8 Sep - 12 Sep.....£190	20 Oct - 24 Oct.....£186

5 NIGHT BREAKS 6 NIGHT BREAKS

8 June - 13 June.....£190	10 May - 16 May.....£220
15 June - 20 June.....£195	17 May - 23 May.....£220
22 June - 27 June.....£205	24 May - 30 May.....£240
29 June - 4 July.....£220	30 Aug - 5 Sept.....£269

TEL: 01202 767022

Short breaks B & B from £30 pppn

• Luxury return coach from local pick up point
• Two half day trips • BB & EM (4 courses)
• Nightly entertainment • Indoor heated pool
• All rooms en-suite with CTV & tea making facilities
Brochure & Tariff available

Other dates available - call for details

Laguna Hotel, Suffolk Road South, Bournemouth BH2 6AZ. www.lagunaholidays.com

PART or FULL TIME CATALOGUE DISTRIBUTORS

Required. Flexi Hours
Immediate Start

£100 - £500 p/w

Apply online:

www.make-extra-income.co.uk

For Sale

LARGE light green thin plastic tablecloth, 270cm x 135cm. Bought online but not as expected. New £1.50 Tel: 01256 356026

CREAM tab top curtains, 138 w x 242cm long with stripes at the top. Matching tablecloth. Tiebacks £8. Would separate Tel: 01256 356026

Observerclassifieds

To place a paid for advert



01235 511700



classifieds@basingstokeobserver.co.uk



basingstokeobserver.co.uk/advertise

● Building

C & T BUILDING SERVICES LTD
ALL BUILDING WORK UNDERTAKEN

Extensions, loft conversions, garages, alterations, renovations, etc.,
Electrical & Plumbing Services
Drawing services available

FREE ESTIMATES FULLY INSURED

Checkatrade.com
Where reputation matters

Tel: 01256 850358
Mobile: 0777 5587706
ctbservicesltd@btinternet.com

● Skip hire

ALLBINS SKIP HIRE LTD
YOUR LOCAL SKIP HIRE

1 TON SKIP BAGS FROM JUST £55
1.5 TON SKIP BAGS FROM JUST £75
2 TON SKIP BAGS FROM JUST £100
6YD CLEAN HARDCORE BRICK & CONCRETE ONLY SKIP FROM £125
YOUR SKIP BAGS FROM £45
ALL SIZES + RUBBISH CLEARANCE SAME DAY / NEXT DAY
UPTO 80% OF WASTE RECYCLED
LICENCED WASTE CARRIERS

Six Yard Skips from £185

0800 0850426 KEEP IT LOCAL
Credit and debit cards accepted www.allbinsskiphire.co.uk

● Flooring

BEST OF FLOORING
Laying down a good reputation
Suppliers & Installers of:

- Wood Flooring • Laminate Flooring
- Safety Flooring • Carpets • Vinyl
- Amtico Recommended Retailer

Visit our showroom in Bramley (By appointment only)
Unit 7b Cufaude Business Park, Cufaude Lane, Bramley,
Basingstoke, Hampshire RG26 5DL

By Appointment only / Free Estimates & Expert Advice

Tel: 01256 810327
www.bestofflooring.co.uk
Email: sales@bestofflooring.co.uk

thebestofbasingstoke

● Painter & Decorator

Dave Clarke
- Painter & Decorator -

- Exterior & Interior
- Domestic & Commercial
- New Work & Redecorations
- Night Work & Out of Hours
- Only Quality Materials Used such as Dulux, Crown, Farrow & Ball and Many More

FREE ESTIMATES ~ FULLY INSURED
Website: www.davedarkdecorator.co.uk
Call Anytime on: 07785 972799
Before 6pm on: 01256 410325
Email on djdclarke@aol.com

● Groundworks

J&M GROUNDWORKS LTD

- Patios, Drives, Paving & Brickwork
- Foundations, concreting Roadworks
- Land Drainage, Surfacing
- Plant Hire
- Fully Insured

Checkatrade.com
Where reputation matters

01256 329685
07710 804886

● Windows & Double Glazing

RAINBOW
DOUBLE GLAZING LIMITED

YOUR TRULY LOCAL DOUBLE GLAZING COMPANY FOR...

- UPVC Windows & Doors
- Conservatories
- Brickbuilt Porches
- Fascia, Soffits & Guttering
- Small Extensions

Garage Conversions

FREEPHONE 0800 026 4642 or 01189 701770
www.rainbowdoubleglazing.co.uk

Amberwood
DESIGNS

- Windows & Doors
- Conservatories
- Porches
- Fascias
- Soffits
- Carports
- Garage Conversions
- Garage Doors
- Trade Division
- Repairs to Windows, Doors & Conservatories

SHOWROOM & TRADE COUNTER
Paices Hill, Aldermaston RG7 4PG • Call 0118 982 0300
www.amberwooddesigns.co.uk

RIPTON
Windows & Conservatories

01256 841522

Come to Ripton for top quality new & replacement windows and doors, conservatories, garage conversions, extensions.

www.riptonwindows.co.uk
3 Crockford Lane, Chineham Business Park, Chineham, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG24 8NA

● For Sale

WANTED: belt buckles cash paid Tel: 01256 850088

GOLDSTAR microwave £20 Tel: 01256 893935

OLD fashioned Singer treadle sewing machine £20 Tel: 01256 893935

ELECTRONIC foot massager £30 Tel: 01256 893935

ZENIT E 35mm reflex camera. Good condition £10 Tel: 01256 357513

ASDA stainless steel 4 slice toaster. Used only twice. Excellent condition £15 Tel: 01256 357513

EIGHT Ken Follett paperback novels top condition £5 Tel: 01256 357513

2 child's safety gates. VGC £10 each. Came from Toys'R'Us Tel: 01256 328275

CHILD'S high chair VGC £25 Came from Toys'R'Us Tel: 01256 328275

BABY'S toys £1 each. Came from Toys'R'Us Tel: 01256 328275

BOSCH Rotak 40 electric rotary lawn mower. VGC Little used £59 Tel: 01256 328811

BROWN solid leather lockable briefcase. 3 compartments. 16x12x6 bargain at £10 Tel: 01256 320315

'TRIPPER' shopping/travelling bag on two wheels. Can also be carried. £5 Tel: 01256 320315

CANE and canvas magazine rack. Two separate compartments £5 Tel: 01256 320315

LARGE green parasol in very good condition. Buyer must collect. £25 Tel: 01256 395041

METAL round green base in very good condition £10 Tel: 01256 395041

NEW large double handles Mezzaluna and 26cm wooden board £12 Tel: 01256 320315

QUALCAST electric lawn mower with grass box. Not working at present. Of use for spare parts £5 Tel: 01256 320315

● For Sale

OVAL shape mirror in unusual decorative frame. Approx 25 inches by 13 inches £20 Tel: 01256 320315

LARGE leather and suede coats. Never worn. £25 per coat Tel: 01256 328275

16" computer screen. Black £5 Tel: 01256 327081

4'6" cream brocade headboard. Good condition £20 Tel: 01256 327081

LONG mirror. Bevelled glass £15 Tel: 01256 327081

TELESCOPE Ideal for student astronomer. 60mm equatorial refracting scope with 6x24 finderscope, aluminium tripod. As new. £95. Tel: 01256 851676

● Computing

PCs Fixed in Your Home or Office!
Experienced • Qualified • Insured • Local

£5 OFF your first call out with this advert!

- ✓ Home & business services
- ✓ Friendly, local company
- ✓ NO CALL-OUT FEE!

01256 52 8000
CUT - OUT - AND - KEEP!

● Roofing

FLAT ROOF SPECIALISTS
Town & Country Felt Roofing Ltd.

- All Repairs & Re-roofs
- Roof Gardens Built & Maintained
- High Performance Felts
- Domestic & Commercial
- Full Public Liability Cover

FREEPHONE 01256 880777

● Storage

BARN STORE
Short & long term secure storage for home or business

Open 7 days a week 8am - 8pm
Easy access, all on one level
Security alarms, CCTV cameras and 24 hr surveillance

t: 0118 982 0788 m: 0776 025 5063
e: tadley@barn-store.co.uk
www.barn-store.co.uk

● Loft ladders

Loft ladder & Boarding Service

- ✓ LOFT LADDER & BOARDS SUPPLIED & FITTED
- ✓ LOFT ENTRANCE MOVED OR ENLARGED
- ✓ INSULATION TOPPED UP
- ✓ ROOF LINED TO KEEP LOFT CLEAN

FREE SURVEY & QUOTATION BY RELIABLE LOCAL CRAFTSMAN

0118 983 1271

● Furniture

LAVENDERBLUE
HAND PAINTED FURNITURE
Come and see our delightful stock of bespoke painted pieces at:

PINEAPPLE PALACE
Gallery and Arts Cafe

Lower Way Farm • Lower Way
Thatcham • RG19 3TL • 07775722767
www.truelavenderblue.co.uk
Email: truelavenderblue@gmail.com

Commissions Facebook#Lavenderblue

Observerclassifieds

To place a paid for advert



01235 511700



classifieds@basingstokeobserver.co.uk



basingstokeobserver.co.uk/advertise

Plumbing & Heating

iPlumb Heating Services

Boiler Installation/Repair
Central Heating Engineer
General Plumbing
Solar Heating

Under Floor Heating
Bathroom Refurbishment

IDEAL4FINANCE
Working to help local independent businesses

Checkatrade.com
Where reputation matters

Facebook
Find us on

Visa
MasterCard

Tel: 0800 4488515
Mob: 07772919035
www.iplumb.net

Garage Doors

CEJAYS LIMITED
GARAGE DOOR REPAIRS

Don't despair - we can repair!!

FREE ESTIMATES AND WORK GUARANTEED

Cables - Springs - Locks Replaced - Spares - New Doors
- Frames - Automation

(01256) 331090 anytime

Gardening

MIKES GARDEN SERVICES

- General garden maintenance
- Fence & shed work/treatments
- Garden clearance • Lawn mowing
- Turfing work • No job too small
- Public Liability Insurance • Free estimates • Competitive rates

Tel: 01256 325015
mikesgardenservices@virginmedia.com
www.gardenerbasingstoke.com

For Sale

LIGHT blue IKEA bath mat. Approx 31"x20" or 50cmx80cm £1 please Tel: 01256 356026

MATCHING pair glass fronted kitchen wall units. VGC 500 W x 900 H x 280 D. £10 each Tel: 01256 771111

ONE lady's winter coat. Very dark inside and out. Real hide. Size: large. Beaten dry cleaned. Nearly new. Just £70 Tel: 07979 781479

KITCHEN wall unit with wooden door. VGC. 600W x 900H x 280D. £10 Tel: 01256 771111

GLASS top oval coffee table. Steel frame Ex cond. 28" W. 46" W £50 Tel: 01256 422944

BEIGE sheep skin rug. As new. 1.8metre wide 2.6M long £65 Tel: 01256 422944

LEGO 500 pieces plus £35 buyer collects Tel: 01252 845165

LOGIC3 iStation8 Concert LCD docking station and speaker system for iPod £20 new. Tel: 01252 845165

THREE metal tables. Tea trolley, table. Paintings, prints, eight boxes of glassware, china, pottery £60 good condition Tel: 01252 845165

GRAPH girls figure skates. Size 2. perfect condition. out grown £20 ono. Tel: 01256 521633

LARGE powder fire extinguisher. Ideal home workshop. Just £15 Tel: 01420 561396

LARGE water fire extinguisher. Ideal home workshop. Just £12 Tel: 01420 561396

DOUBLE bed pin plus Silentnight mattress Ex Cond. Space needed £50 Tel: 01256 353966

Fencing

PHOENIX FENCING SUPPLIES LTD

Specialist Suppliers of Fencing and Related Materials

Fencing • Gates • Decking • Sawn Timber • Trellis • Panels • Concrete Posts

All Pressure Treated
Delivery Service Available

Tel: **01256 841199**
Swing Swan Lane,
Daneshill, Basingstoke.
We are behind Cemex
Concrete, off Gresley Road

For Sale

VINTAGE Silver Shoes. Genuine and collectible 1930's silver over kid leather. Size 4ish, £20, 01256 357866

PEWTER wine goblets, 2 neat and usable Jacobean style., £10, 01256 357866

DOLL'S China Coffee Set., Boxed Melitta coffee filter with mini paper coffee filters. Pretty pastel cups and saucers etc. Boxed and VERY unusual. Would suit a doll collector., £25, 01256 357866

SARI Lengths. Genuine sari lengths brought back from India. Purple and Gold. Turquoise and Gold. Purple and Silver. New., £15 each or £35 the lot, 01256 357866

STAR Trek Craft, Boxed suit child or collector, £10, 01256 357866

MORPH Bookends, Fun and boxed as new., £5, 01256 357866

PRAM, Nine in One travel system, £280, 07952395252

PRAM, Nine in One travel system: Carry cot and push chair: forward and rear facing pram: pram, push chair and car seat attach to stand: includes rain covers, £280, 07952395252

BEATRIX POTTER, character ceramic figures wanted by collector., £0, 01189 413708

BICYCLES, Two Raleigh drop handlebar Gents and Ladies, £5 each., 01256 882206

MANUAL Wheelchair, Rear wheels & footrests can be removed for easy transportation. Back also folds down. Few scratches but full working order., £50, 01256 880625

TV Stand, Black Glass 3 shelves with chrome legs. VGC, £20, 07929722013

MICROWAVE, Stainless steel combi with grill. Working order., £15, 07929 722013

CHEST Freezer, Approx 56cm wide by 84 cm high. Ideal for garage spare., £20, 07929722013

YAMAHA Electric Organ, Double keyboard & foot pedals. Also stool. Suit home or school etc. Collect Bramley., £50 ono., 01256 882206

BEATRIX POTTER, and Alice In Wonderland character ceramic figures wanted by collector., £0, 01189 413708

TELESCOPE Ideal for student astronomer. 60mm equatorial refracting scope with 6x24 finderscope, aluminium tripod. As new. £95. Tel: 01256 851676

METAL DETECTOR, top quality Bounty Hunter Tracker IV, with headphone jack, trowel and instruction book, used once. £95. Tel: 01256 851676

FOLDING Guest Bed, Single Size with sprung mattress., £50, 07929722013

PINE Trolley, Trxt me for photo if required, £15, 07929722013

MOUNTAIN Bike, Carrera Krakatoa lightweight 10gear. Suit age 12+., £30 ono., 01256 882206

DOUBLE Bed Headboards, ToOf different designs. Unmarked hardwood, £10 each., 01256 882206

BED Headboards, Two No. Double size. Different designs. Unmarked hardwood, £10 each, 01256 882206

CURTAIN Poles, large size 4cm dia. mid colour wood. All fixings fittings&rings. 5 pieces, approx lengths 4ft through 8ft. Clean condition., £10 the lot or sell separate., 01256 882206

YAMAHA Electric Organ, Double keyboard & foot pedals. Also stool. Suit home or school etc. Collect Bramley., £50 ono., 01256 882206

BEATRIX POTTER, and Alice In Wonderland character ceramic figures wanted by collector., £0, 01189 413708

TELESCOPE Ideal for student astronomer. 60mm equatorial refracting scope with 6x24 finderscope, aluminium tripod. As new. £95. Tel: 01256 851676

METAL DETECTOR, top quality Bounty Hunter Tracker IV, with headphone jack, trowel and instruction book, used once. £95. Tel: 01256 851676

Removals

ROBI'N'SON

Removals and man & Van Service

- House clearance
- Collections & deliveries

The best deal moving company around

07835695527
01189545607

info@robinsontransport.co.uk
www.robinsontransport.co.uk

Driveways

A Family Run Business For Over 30 years

G.Humphrey Tarmac Contractor

Free Advice & Estimates

All Work Guaranteed • Competitive Prices • Phone Any Time

- All areas covered • Free No Obligation Quotation
- New & Old Drives • Extended Pathways • Driveways
- Red & Black tarmac
- Tar Spraying and Shingle • Tarmac Block Paving Shingle
- Any Size Job Professionally Done
- Large Or Small Jobs Welcome

Covering Hampshire & Surrey

01252 310903 / 01252 320731
Mobile: 07979 468589

For Sale

WINDSURF BOARD (Mistral 39) complete with sail, boom, mast, fins and free book on techniques. £95. Tel: 01256 851676

WOODEN drawing board. Whiteboard on reverse. £10 Tel: 01256 468217

30 Childrens videos £5. Tel: 01256 468217

FINGER puppets. 3 little pigs £5. Tel: 01256 468217

CHILDS green table & chair £5 Tel: 01256 468217

BLUE tricycle £5. Tel: 01256 468217

5 jigsaw puzzles. 2 Disney, 3 cars for 5+ £5 Tel: 01256 468217

FOR sale can two seater settee one armchair and coffee table £60.00 Tel: 01256 422944

3 X Large sports hold-all bags. Hardly used. Good condition. £25 Tel: 01256 468217

2 Table lamps. Very good condition. Both working £20 Tel: 01256 468217

BATH stool. Never used £10 Tel: 01256 468217

FOR sale 4ft indoor rabbit cage £5.00 Tel: 01256 972526

Building Services

Ex-Army Builders Limited.
Trained by the best...

The right choice for all your building needs specialist in all aspects building trained by the best.

25% off all tarmacadam driveways

- Extensions. • Driveways. • Patios. • Brickwork.
- Fencing. • Roofing. • Landscaping. • Groundwork. • Turfing.
- Tarmacadam. • Kitchens. • Bathrooms.

No Deposit Required.

Call us today for a free written quotation.
01252 308288 **0777 1625812**
www.ex-armybuilders.co.uk

G.A. Purcell Builders Ltd

FMB
The right of building quality

Checkatrade.com

Tel: **01256 771921**

Enquires@purcellbuilders.co.uk
www.purcellbuilders.co.uk

Satellite / Aerials

APOLLO
Satellite and Aerial Services

- TV & radio aerials
- Satellite installation & repair
- Flat screen fitting and cabling
- Fast Broadband via Satellite
- Audio systems

Call: 0118 9810002
Or: 01256 811 288

Visa
MasterCard
Maestro

Video production

MI-TURN PICTURES
PROFESSIONAL VIDEOGRAPHY
OXFORD BASED

CUSTOM DSLR VIDEO AND HD EDITING

CORPORATE
EDUCATION
DOCUMENTARY

CHARITY
TRAINING
MARKETING

ANY VIDEO PACKAGE TO SUIT YOUR NEEDS AT EXTREMELY COMPETITIVE PRICES!
ENQUIRIES PLEASE EMAIL: MITURNPICTURES@GMAIL.COM
TELE: 07803 122 756

Logs

A1 LOGS
Bramley Woodyard

Supplying quality hardwood since 1930

The Original Log Family

For brilliant quality seasoned hardwood logs phone the A1 team on
Daytime: 07831642237 Evening: 0118 9701830
www.a1logs.com

01235 511700
classifieds@basingstokeobserver.co.uk
basingstokeobserver.co.uk/advertise

Laptops to shoes, it's all there

Wanting to sell?
It's dead easy to list your unwanted items for **FREE** with our simple to use website.

WE NO LONGER ACCEPT FREEADS OVER THE PHONE

THE SMALL PRINT: One word per box, in capitals, one item per coupon. Max 5 advertisements per customer per week. Open to private advertisers only. The publisher does not accept liability for error or omission in a published advertisement once an advertisement has been accepted, no cancellation can be made. We cannot guarantee insertion dates, however it is usually in the next issue of the newspaper. **WE NO LONGER ACCEPT FREEADS OVER THE PHONE, ONLY VIA THE WEBSITE OR THIS COUPON.** No motors

basingstokeobserver.co.uk

CALL CHARGES: DATING 184 and have the bill payer's permission. 090 calls cost £1.53 per min. plus network charges. Calls from Mobiles will be considerably higher. Calls are recorded and may appear on your bill. **TEXT:** 88833 texts £1.50 per msg. Mobiles must be MMS/Wap compatible in order to use these services, if not contact your Network Provider. Text alerts are charged at £1.50 per week. To unsubscribe to text alerts, text DATING STOP to 63333. To cancel free match alerts, text STOP to 07781474042. For full T&Cs go to www.localdates-terms.co.uk/. **REPLY BY TEXT:** 80098 costs £1.50 per SMS sent (max 150 characters). Service only available where phone icon show. Messages are moderated. Minimum 7 messages must be sent before contact details can be exchanged. To STOP text stop to 80098. Service provided by Sports4Adults. Help: 0844 800 1188. **SMS TEXT CHAT:** 80098 costs £1.50 per SMS sent. This service is a virtual chat service meaning you will not be able to meet the people listed. To STOP text stop to 80098. Service provided by JMedia. Help: 0844 800 1188. **ALL SERVICES:** By texting any shortcode you consent to the owner of that shortcode sending you the occasional marketing message. **DATA PROTECTION:** Service provided by JMedia UK Ltd, SW4 7BX, 0844 800 1188. We will collect the details you provide and may send you details of other services and events operated by us. We may pass your details onto this newspaper for marketing or PhonePavPlus for regulatory purposes. W/C 140414



Bison netminder Skinns to return for another season

By Adam Flinn

news@basingstokeobserver.co.uk

BASINGSTOKE Bison have announced that their record-breaking netminder Dean Skinns will be staying with the club for another season.

The 29-year-old played every minute last season, finishing the year with a 90 per cent save rate and setting a new Herd record of five shut-outs in the course of one campaign.

This season ended in Skinns being named in the English Ice Hockey Premier League second all-star team, and winning Bison's Players' Player award along with being named the Booster Club's British Player of the Year.

Skinns, who was born in Basingstoke, also became the first goalie over a two-game weekend not to concede a goal, against local rivals Bracknell Bees back in December.

He has played a total of 7,739 minutes for Bison during his career, just 220 short of the all-time Herd record held by Canadian goalie Curtis Cruickshank.

"I really enjoyed the season and



Dean Skinns will stay with Bison for another season (Picture by Grant King (5holephotography.co.uk))

it has to have been my best ever of my career," said Skinns.

"My dream was always to be the Bison's number one goalie, and it is a great honour to play for my hometown club.

"I think it was extra special getting the back-to-back shut-outs against Bracknell."

Bison player/coach Doug Sheppard was pleased with the news that Skinns would be staying

with the Herd for the upcoming season, for what will be his eighth season with the club.

He said: "I always had faith in Dean and felt he would do a good job for us, and he did not

disappoint.

"It would be difficult to pick out one game as his best of the season, but he produced some stand-out performances in the cup and play-off games."



Home race for Collard

ROB Collard will be hoping for his first podium of the year, as the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) makes its annual visit to the Hampshire circuit of Thruxton this weekend.

Collard sits seventh in the standings, having had a solid start to the season which has seen two fourth-place finishes.

He was on course for a top-three result last time out at Donington Park, but spun off in heavy rain.

"The way race two finished was just a disaster for me," said Collard. "I just caught the kerb, unsettled the rear and then I was a passenger."

Meanwhile, Nick Foster will be hoping for better luck at Thruxton, after he could only manage a best result of eighth at Donington.

He is 12th in the championship standings with 25 points, his best finish of the season coming in race two of the season opener at Brands Hatch with fifth.

"Being knocked off in race one at Donington didn't help my chances of scoring in all three races," said Foster.

Thruxton's three BTCC races start at 12.12pm, 2.32pm and 5.17pm on Sunday.

• Rob Collard (Picture by Jakob Ebrey)

'Stoke's season ends on a positive note with county cup win

BASINGSTOKE RFC ended the season on a high, after they beat Havant to win the Hampshire Cup at Down Grange on Saturday.

After 80 minutes the two sides were level at 6-6, and it would

take extra time for 'Stoke to beat their local rivals 13-11.

Havant had taken the lead after just three minutes through a penalty, before the hosts responded with their own penalty from Ryan Trevaskis.

Another penalty was scored by each side, before the game was taken into 20 minutes of extra time.

The visitors took the lead through a Jay Wilkins try, and even though Joel Knight was

unable to make the conversion, Havant had a five-point lead over 'Stoke with 14 minutes remaining.

But Chris Kiernan was able to score a try of his own for the hosts, and Trevaskis kicked the

crucial extras to secure the win for 'Stoke.

Basingstoke have now won four of the last six Hampshire Cup finals, bringing their total victories in the competition to 14 since it began in 1970.

Sport Bites

Jam Boys' slump

WHITCHURCH United were beaten for the 11th time in their last 13 games on Saturday, as they finished their Wessex Premier League season with a 5-1 loss away to Bournemouth Poppies.

A dismal second half of the season has seen the Jam Boys record just three league wins in 2014, falling to 13th in the table with a final total of 55 points.

It was a disappointing end for Whitchurch, who had gone almost three months unbeaten in the league during the autumn.

Calleva end the season in fifth

TADLEY Calleva enjoyed a strong end to their season on Saturday, with a 4-1 win at home to Fleet Spurs.

Calleva have had a strong end to the season to climb up the table to fifth, with the club only losing two matches since Christmas.

They were in action against AFC Aldermaston in the final of the Basingstoke Senior Cup last night as the Observer went to press.

Wintney record a mix of results

HARTLEY Wintney have recorded a win, draw and loss in the past seven days, to leave the club seventh in the Combined Counties Premier league with one game remaining.

A 1-1 draw with Molesey last Thursday was followed up with a 2-0 loss against Colliers Wood United.

But Wintney were able to get back on track on Tuesday evening, with a 4-2 victory against Chessington and Hook.

Wintney will be hoping results go their way as they bid to leapfrog sixth-placed Windsor, and will need to win their final match at home to Camberley Town in order to stay in contention.

Rose in the top-10

JUSTIN Rose recorded his second top-10 finish of the season at the weekend, as he finished in a tie for eighth at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

Rounds of 71, 67, 69 and 68 meant that Rose ended the tournament on 13 under par, six shots adrift of South Korean winner Seung-yul Noh.

Rose is now up to 10th in the official world golf rankings, moving ahead of two-time major winner Rory McIlroy.

SmithieLED
Lighting & Electrical appliance Depot

Come to our 5th May Grand Opening event!

Electrical appliances for the home

✓ Pay today and take away
✓ Local delivery

✓ Free Parking
✓ Price checked with online & retail (T&Cs apply)



Unit C2 Morse Road, West Ham Industrial Estate, Basingstoke, RG22 6NE

01256 347158

BRAND NEW STORE

Inside: Bison netminder Skinns to return for another season | Home race for Collard | Jam Boys' slump

Bignall hat-trick gives Town win in thrilling end of season game

BRISTOW PLEASED WITH FINAL RESULT

JASON Bristow said finishing the season with a win was the "most important thing" as Basingstoke Town edged Staines Town in a 5-4 thriller in the Skrill South last Saturday.

A Nicholas Bignall hat-trick and strikes from Wes Daly and Louie Soares put the Dragons into a commanding 5-1 lead with 20 minutes remaining.

However, Louie Theophanous, Dan Brown and Erivaldo Felix all scored for Staines to set up a nervy end to Basingstoke's league campaign.

The Dragons finished 14th in the league table, and Bristow was pleased to end what has been a frustrating campaign with three points.

He said: "We wanted to finish with a win and send the fans home with something to smile about and hopefully we have done that."

"But we were 5-1 up with 20 minutes to go so to finish 5-4 was a little bit disappointing, but we would have taken the three points before the game."

"Scoring goals has been a problem and we managed to get five so that's a positive, but defensively we fell short in the last 20 minutes, but that has been a massive strength for us all

By Jack Johnson

news@basingstokeobserver.co.uk

season."

Despite conceding four against Staines, Bristow believes, defensively, Town have improved upon last year.

"Defensively we've been excellent for large parts of the season," he said.

"We've improved massively on the goals conceded area that we had last year."

"We'll see what the summer brings in terms of who wants to stay and who is available, and hopefully we will strengthen the squad as a whole."

Bristow also praised Bignall for his hat-trick, adding: "Nicholas has come in with seven or eight games to go and he has worked extremely hard."

"He deserved his three goals and we said before the game that we were really rooting for him to get a goal and he managed to get three, so I'm absolutely delighted for him."

Basingstoke have one more game to play this season as they face Havant & Waterlooville in the Hampshire Senior Cup Final at Fratton Park on May 12.



Staines Town 4
Basingstoke Town 5

• Nicholas Bignall scores his second in the 5-4 win over Staines Town (Picture by Les Chase)

LS&B
GROOMING



TIGI
HAIRCARE

TRILBYS
BARBERSHOP & HAIRDRESSERS

EST 1991

Trilbys Academy

A school of excellence
Come to the academy to get job ready!
We fill the gap between college and a full time job

Call Andy or Rick for more details on

07818407400

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Wootton Bassett

Two Great Salons Working
Together to provide a great service
Always good service, Always good value!
01256 325777 / 01256 364747

18" Pizza, The biggest pizza in town only £9.99
Go stuffed crust at small extra cost

11am-12pm Mon-Sat
12am-12pm Sun
7 days a week

Free Local Delivery
Minimum order £10 for free delivery, Basingstoke only. A small extra charge for: Tadley, Kingsclere, Bramley, Hook, Odiham

CHARCOAL GRILL
KEBABS • BURGERS • CHICKEN AND CHIPS

Meal deals! Special offers available!
Order online for a **FREE Burger**
(minimum order £15)
Please quote Basingstoke Observer to receive this offer
01256 333411
3 Queens Parade, New Street, Basingstoke, RG21 7DA

PIZZA WORLD
Kebabs, Pizzas, Burgers & Chips
Buy one pizza* Get one free!
* Medium or large only...

Order online for a Free burger, original garlic bread, curly fries or a portion of potato wedges
www.pizzaworld.co.uk
Call 01256 322 222

Open 7 days a week
Mon-Sat 11am-11pm
Sun 12am-11pm

Free Home Delivery

Delivery Hours
Mon To Sat: 11am-11pm
Sunday: 12PM - 11pm
Delivery Time 30-40 Minutes
Minimum Order £10 in Basingstoke



Please recycle this newspaper

Taylor Newspapers Ltd

Published by Taylor Newspapers Ltd,
Newspaper House, 4A Hawksworth, Didcot, Oxfordshire OX11 7HR.
Telephone 01235 511700 (Head Office).
Printed by Iliffe Print Cambridge, Milton, Cambridge CB24 6PP